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## Rabin to U.S. in mid-Jan.

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (UPI). — Secretary of State Kissinger said yesterday that the visit of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "may slip into January" because of President Ford's travel schedule.

Kissinger made the statement when asked about reports that Rabin might come to Washington in mid-December to follow up President Sadat's visit. He was questioned aboard the Air Force One as he flew with President Ford for meetings with Sadat.

(The U.S. had pressed for a Rabin visit in mid-November in an evident effort to have him come before Ford would go to China, as well as to discuss possible moves over Syria before the UNDOF mandate expires by the end of the month. However, Rabin had informed Washington a November visit would be awkward for him.)

# Spain warns of action to stop march

## Juan Carlos visits Sahara

UNITED NATIONS. — Spain warned yesterday that if King Hassan of Morocco carries out his planned civil march into the Western Sahara, the Spanish will resist with armed force, if necessary.

Spain's threat to use force came a few hours before the government in Madrid announced that Prince Juan Carlos had made a surprise visit to El Aiun, the capital of the Spanish Sahara.

Spanish delegate Fernando Arias Salgado, speaking immediately after the Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution calling on all parties to the desert dispute to do nothing that might escalate tension in the area, said Spain would use everything available to "repel" the 350,000 volunteer marchers.

The council, by consensus without a formal vote, called on Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who made a trouble-shooting trip to the area last weekend, to step up consultations with Spain, Morocco, Mauritania and Algeria and report on their result quickly so that further measures may be taken, if necessary.

The resolution, while not including a call to Morocco to cancel the march — a stipulation Costa Rica tried to have written into it — constituted a clear appeal to Hassan to do so.

The Spanish delegate said that Spain expected the march to begin tomorrow and no peaceful solution of the problem was possible unless it was halted. He said that in view of the grave situation in the area, it seems necessary — in order to achieve a rapid, orderly decolonization of the Spanish Sahara — that the Security Council ensure that the march be halted.

But Moroccan sources in Agadir, Morocco, said yesterday that King Hassan will not halt the march unless Spain publicly recognizes Moroccan sovereignty over the territory — regardless of any decision taken by the UN.

The king drove through cheering crowds as he moved his command post for the march from Marrakech to Agadir, 480 kms. north of the Spanish Sahara border. There was no immediate official Moroccan comment on the resolution of the Security Council. But the sources said the king would not send the mass of conquest-hungry volunteers back to their homes empty-handed even if he wanted to.

Arrangements for the march were delayed by a sudden rampage of rape and murder, which delayed the flow of volunteers between Tan Tan and Tarfaya, 180 kms. down the Atlantic Coast.

Officials said that troublemakers — most of them unemployed slum youths from Casablanca — had gone on a rampage against their fellow marchers, raping seven of the women volunteers and killing one of them.

The group to which the attackers belonged was isolated about 30 kms. outside Tan Tan and two Royal Army battalions, about 1,000 men, were detailed to guard them until the troublemakers could be weeded out, officials said.

Because of the rampage and because of unspecified supply problems, the road from Tan Tan to Tarfaya was solidly blocked yesterday by miles of halted trucks carrying marchers and supplies.

Meanwhile, Moroccan officials acknowledged that the surprise one-day visit yesterday of Carlos and Gen. Fernandez Vallespin to the Spanish Sahara signified a "spectacular hardening" of Spanish policy.

The prince, who took over Generalissimo Francisco Franco's powers three days ago, arrived at the desert airfield of the Sahara's capital of El Aiun shortly after the general's plane had arrived there. The prince later returned to Madrid.

The 37-year-old prince, who had met with Premier Carlos Arias Navarro and his Cabinet for four hours on Friday to discuss the crisis, later returned to Madrid. The trip was the prince's first step out of Franco's shadow into the limelight, an indication that he plans to waste little time asserting himself in the affairs of state now that he wields the power.

The prince's trip was announced only after he had arrived in El Aiun where he met officials and reviewed an honour guard of the 14,000 Spanish troops there. According to reports, his visit "brought back smiles" to the people in the capital. The visit was described as "necessary in the present situation."

Spain had asked for the UN meeting to stop the march, and there were indications it would have preferred a much stronger stand. The consultations started Saturday afternoon. Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik, Council president for November, put the resolution before the other 14 members at a meeting yesterday morning and declared it adopted by consensus when he heard no objections. *(AP, Reuter, UPI)*

## Olympos passes Suez Canal, arrives in Eilat today

SUEZ. — The Greek 9,645-ton freighter Olympos cleared the Suez Canal here yesterday and headed towards the port of Eilat where it is expected to arrive today with a cargo of Rumanian cement.

It covered the 160 kilometres along the waterway in 10 hours, passing virtually unnoticed in its southbound convoy as officials played down the event.

The ship is the first to carry non-strategic goods through the canal to Israel under last September's interim Sinai agreement. Egypt agreed to the passage of such cargoes to and from Israel.

Security was tight for the 20-ship convoy that included the Olympos as it left the northern gateway city of Port Said at dawn and passed Ballah, the midway point, around noon.

Despite the presence of a Greek ship in an international waterway Egyptian authorities barred newsmen and photographers. Egypt's officials claimed they feared a possible sabotage attack by Arab radicals opposed to Palestinians who charge Egypt sold out the Arab cause by signing the interim settlement with Israel.

Capt. Lucris Gerasimos brought the Olympos to Port Said one day late last Friday and learned no money had been placed in the bank to pay the transit tolls. Shipping agents said vessels often come lacking funds.

The Olympos anchored 5 kms. off the port at a pilot station and waited there until the money arrived on Saturday afternoon. The cargo was then inspected inside the harbour by government customs agents and the ship was assigned its place in the morning convoy.

*Ya'acov Friedler reports from Haifa:*

The owners of the Olympos finally paid between $16,000 to $20,000 in passage dues to the Suez Canal Authority, it was learned from shipping circles here last night. The exact sum could not yet be ascertained "but it was certainly not higher than $20,000," an informed source told *The Post*.

This would be within the bounds of the official dues tariff list published by the Authority, so that the dues paid were no higher than any other ship would have paid with a similar amount of cargo, 8,900 tons of cement for which the Authority could charge at $2 per ton, if cement is considered bulk, or at most $2.20 if it were put into the general cargo category.

Shipping circles here were fairly unanimous that the delaying tactics adopted by the Egyptians, which had postponed the ship's passage from Port Said for over 24 hours, whether deliberate or incidental, has proved one thing — that the real test of Suez Canal

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### U.S. denies technicians already in Sinai

WASHINGTON (AP). — A State Department spokesman yesterday denied an Israel Radio report that the first of about 200 American electronics technicians had arrived in Israel to prepare to man early warning stations.

The spokesman said no decisions on the technicians' precise arrival time have been made or announced.



Leftist Moslem fighters fire their heavy machineguns from a command car at Christian Phalangists during Saturday night's fighting in Beirut. (AP radiophoto)

## Fierce Moslem assault on Beirut hotels district

### LITTLE POLITICAL PROGRESS MADE

BEIRUT. — Moslem and Palestinian forces launched another fierce assault on beleaguered Christian positions in the uptown Holiday Inn Hotel yesterday and the U.S. Embassy advised the 2,000 Americans still in Beirut to leave as quickly as possible.

Fierce rocket, mortar and machinegun clashes claimed about 150 lives over the weekend, raising the casualty toll from eight weeks of civil war in Beirut to nearly 1,200 dead and 3,000 wounded.

A cease-fire agreement reached on Saturday — the 12th in eight weeks — took partial hold in outlying areas of the capital, but fighting continued for most of the day around the uptown hotel district where Christian Phalangists held off a determined Moslem assault to oust them from their encircled positions in the Holiday Inn and St. George hotels.

A major attack by the leftists on Phalangists entrenched in the 24-storey Holiday Inn Hotel failed on Saturday night. Reporters who joined their advance downhill towards the seafront hotel said the Phalangists poured automatic weapons, mortar and rocket fire on the attackers, forcing them to withdraw.

The Phalangists had fortified the luxury hotel with sandbags at the main entrance and in many windows facing uphill towards the Kantari district.

The hotel, once a favourite spot for businessmen and tourists, has been hit by many rockets, breaking nearly all the windows facing south and leaving great holes in the sides.

Left-wing newspapers affiliated to the Moslem militias claimed that leftist forces have taken over two nearby hotels, the Palm Beach and the Martinez, turning the eighth day of fighting in the uptown area into a "battle of the hotels."

Premier Rashid Karami met all day with representatives of both sides including PLO chief Yasser Arafat, in an effort to keep the latest truce from crumbling, but the outlook was not good.

"The situation is deteriorating badly," a source close to the government said. "There has been little real political progress to speak of."

The U.S. Embassy evacuated the last of its staff dependents — about 40 persons — yesterday and increased the level of warning to other Americans still in the capital.

Meanwhile, a leading Egyptian political commentator said yesterday that the U.S. has rejected soundings to intervene militarily in Lebanon as it did during the 1958 civil war.

Writing in "Al Ahram" newspaper, Ahmed Baha Eddine said the soundings were made by some Lebanese who wanted to know what the U.S. government reaction would be to a request for American intervention to stop the street war.

Baha Eddine did not identify the Lebanese involved in the soundings, but it was believed he was referring to Beirut ruling circles.

U.S. troops landed in Lebanon

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### Franco spends peaceful night

MADRID (Reuter). — Spain's General Francisco Franco spent a peaceful night, a statement from his household said late yesterday.

The brief statement said only that the 83-year-old general "passed the night without incidents and has been resting."

The last medical bulletin said the condition of the general ruler of Spain for nearly 40 years remained grave. The bulletin said he was conscious and there was no increase in his internal stomach bleeding. His heart and respiratory condition was normal but there were slight fluctuations in his temperature.

Franco has been near death for two weeks after a series of heart attacks.

## Ford sees Sadat at oil tycoon's home

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP). — President Ford flew here yesterday with assurances for Egyptian President Sadat that he will be returning to Cairo with a U.S. nuclear deal.

Ford's meeting with Sadat at the home of a local oil millionaire was viewed as an unusual gesture. Normally the visiting leader would be expected to call on Ford at the White House, as he did last week.

Confirming the prospective sale of two American reactors, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said they would be supplied under "the most exhaustive system of safeguards in any country."

Kissinger said the deal has been discussed with Israel "at every stage" and that a similar offer would be made to Israel when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin visits the United States.

Ford's meeting with Sadat was held in the home of Raymond K. Mason, president of the Charter Co., a conglomerate of banking, land and publishing ventures. The two Presidents lunched on red snapper on the patio of the house.

Ford flew down on Air Force One to the Jacksonville naval air station and gave a brief speech to a largely military crowd: "It is vitally important for peace that we have a national defence programme that is second to none," he said.

He then went to the Mason home, where Sadat waited for him in the sunshine. "Nice to see you," Ford said. Kisinger kissed Sadat on the right cheek and then Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy on both cheeks.

Briefing newsmen aboard the presidential jet, Kissinger said the nuclear reactors will be sold to Egypt under restrictions that bar peaceful as well as military explosions and that they will be paid for out of the $750m. in economic assistance Ford has requested from Congress. Kissinger stressed they would not be a gift, although the aid will be in the form of loans at concessionary rates.

"It is very likely that the Israelis will have the same offer," Kissinger said.

The deteriorating situation in Lebanon also was on the agenda for Ford's talk with Sadat, although Kissinger acknowledged "there are limits to what we can do."

Kissinger agreed that Egypt could not do much either, and said: "The only people who can do anything easily are going to produce a war if they do, or at least a grave crisis."

Sadat ends his U.S. visit by returning to Washington to address a joint session of Congress and hold a final meeting with Ford on Wednesday.

**Despite a show of hospitality by Jacksonville city officials for President Sadat, the Jacksonville Jewish community yesterday voiced disapproval of the Egyptian leader.**

A large advertisement appeared in Sunday's edition of the "Florida Times-Union" saying, in part, "we acknowledge the welcome you have received by our city, in spite of our differences in beliefs. However, hospitality is not approval."

The ad, signed by Bernay N. Milstein, executive director of the Jacksonville Jewish Community Council, continued:

"We remind you, President Sadat, that true peace with Israel has not been served by your recent statements in our country. We, along with most other Americans, strongly repudiate the carnard, recently endorsed by Egypt at the United Nations, that Zionism is the equivalent of racism."

## Rabin: U.S. didn't keep its pledge

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Rabin said yesterday that the Ford Administration is not entirely living up to its promises.

The U.S. Administration has asked Congress to allocate Israel a smaller sum than agreed in its negotiations with the Israel Government during the course of the talks preceding the Sinai accord, and this on less favourable terms.

Mr. Rabin voiced his criticism in the Cabinet at its weekly session yesterday and said that Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, on his orders, had expressed it to Secretary Henry Kissinger on Friday. A reply was being awaited.

The Administration asked Congress for the Foreign Aid Bill to allocate Israel an overall sum of $2,240m although the two governments had agreed on $2,300m, Rabin commented. It asked Congress to approve somewhat less than half as a grant and the rest as a loan, although the agreement between Jerusalem and Washington had envisaged two-thirds as a grant and one-third as a loan, Rabin said. This placed a heavier burden on Israel.

Dinitz had been instructed to express the Government's dissatisfaction at the shift in the U.S. Administration's position, Rabin said, despite the joint agreement reached before the interim agreement. He had been instructed to ask that the Foreign Aid Bill draft be revised, in line with what was agreed.

## Lebanese army rescues Beirut Chief Rabbi

NEW YORK (JTA). — The "Washington Post" reported yesterday that the chief rabbi of Lebanon's Jewish community of less than 3,000 persons was evacuated on Saturday from the Jewish quarter in Beirut by the Lebanese Army.

Writing from Beirut, correspondent Jonathan Randal said that up to now the Jewish sector was in no greater danger than any other Beirut area, but now it is in the middle of a major Moslem offensive designed to cut off the Christian Phalangists. Randal says the quarter traditionally has been protected by the Phalange and the Lebanese Army.

The "Post" says that fewer than half of Lebanon's Jews live there and that most prosperous Jews have sought refuge in Europe or in the mountains outside Beirut as have many wealthy Lebanese Moslems and Christians.

However, Randal reports that Jews have been shocked by a statement by Jamil Mehho, leader of the Kurds in Beirut, whose co-religionists have been moved into the Jewish area as the Jewish community dwindled. He said that the Kurds want to transform the "Jewish valley" into a "Kurdish valley."

(The situation of Lebanese Jewry, in the event of a further deterioration of security in that country, has been brought to the notice of foreign governments, Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Cabinet in Jerusalem yesterday.)

## Allon: Full-scale civil war

The Lebanese fighting has escalated into a full-scale civil war, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said at the Cabinet meeting. The combatants' aim is to seize control of Beirut. The Moslems and their Palestine Arab backers are trying to Islamise the country and deprive the Lebanese Christian community of political rights which they have enjoyed, statutorily, for decades.

Commenting on the Lebanese situation, Health Minister Victor Shemtov said Israel could do something to help alleviate the plight of the wounded. Medical teams and supplies could be sent to Lebanon, where they were sorely needed, Shemtov said. Also, wounded could be brought over for treatment in Israeli hospitals.

## Allon surveys world opinion against UN anti-Zionist call

Jerusalem Post Reporter

If the United Nations General Assembly approves the anti-Zionist resolution equating Zionism with racialism, several important parliaments may vote to stop their contributions to the UN budget, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the weekly Cabinet session yesterday.

In the course of his foreign policy survey Allon said that Israeli diplomatic missions, in most capitals, reported that public opinion was opposed to the Arab's anti-Zionist resolution. Israel's information drive centred on the resolution, he said.

Several UN delegations tended to favour a postponement of the vote on the resolution to a future Assembly he said. If this idea developed to the extent of a formal postponement motion, he said, it would probably win more adherents than a motion to reject the Arab bid.

Israel's campaign against the anti-Zionist resolution was now in full swing in the various world capitals as well as at the Assembly, he said.

The United States and Western Europe were taking a firm stand against the resolution and lobbying actively against it. Nevertheless the Arabs as always commanded a cast-iron majority for whatever they proposed in a straight vote.

Allon also told the Cabinet that Egyptian President Sadat would attain a number of practical achievements during his current U.S. tour in terms of financial aid. But this need not necessarily detract from the pattern of Israel-U.S. relations, the Foreign Minister said.

Noting that he was offering only an interim appraisal, Allon said Sadat had failed to implant a peace-loving and moderate image in American public opinion.

## Palestine issue at UN today

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter).—The General Assembly takes up the Palestine question today, with non-aligned states due to press for further steps aimed at eventual independent nationhood for the Palestinians.

In a separate resolution, Egypt is expected to seek the Assembly's formal recommendation that they join "Palestine," Syria, Jordan, Israel, the U.S. and the Soviet Union at a resumed Middle East Peace Conference in Geneva.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat, whose appearance in the Assembly and the head of state treatment he received caused a controversy last year, will not be back for the new debate. The PLO's 12-man delegation is being led by its foreign affairs spokesman, Farouk Kaddoumi, who is due to open the proceedings.

Other first-day speakers listed include delegates from Israel, Tunisia, and Egypt. The debate is due to go on at least until the end of the week, with the Cyprus question scheduled as the next item.

However, diplomatic sources said the plenary body's consideration of a committee recommendation to denounce Zionism as a racist movement might intervene.

Western and some other delegates are engaged in an intense effort behind the scenes to have ratification of that proposal postponed at least for a year.

The U.S. and the European Economic Community members have attacked the committee action, which they believe could weaken the UN by bringing it into disrepute in many parts of the world. Israel has condemned the resolution as a piece of blatant anti-Semitism.

The principal resolution on the Palestine question, already being circulated by a group of non-aligned states following its endorsement by the Arab members, contains an implicit threat of moves to suspend or expel Israel from the UN if it obstructs the Palestinians' bid for self-determination and independence.

It would also create a special committee to consider these questions and prepare a timetable for action.

This would in turn be reported to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim by June 1 next year with the Security Council to be called into session as soon as possible after that date to consider the exercise of the "inalienable rights" of the Palestinians.

In its preamble, the resolution would have the 142-nation Assembly express grave concern that no progress had been achieved towards the exercise of those rights and the attainment of the Palestinians' right to return to their homes and property "from which they have been displaced and uprooted."

## El Al management likely to accept Meshel formula

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The El Al workshop stewards met with the El Al management under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yeruham Meshel, last night in what promised to be the end of the 19-day-long strike.

Mr. Meshel asked both sides to accept the proposal which the central committee suggested last week — that the workers go back to work without prior conditions and negotiations be held with Mr. Yehoshua Voshcina, of the Histadrut's central committee.

The workers at first said they accepted the move but then demanded to be paid strike money. This was refused outright. Then the workers asked that their salaries for the strike period not be reduced in bulk, but that the reduction be staggered over several months, which Mr. Mordechai Ben Ari, general manager of El Al, said the company would adopt procedure identical with other strikes — i.e. he refused.

The thorny question still being hammered out last night was the workers' fear that the management would dismiss some of the members of the strike committee. This could happen if the courts find them guilty of violating the back-to-work orders. (If they are found guilty, the management has the right to dismiss them.)

The workers want El Al to stop the legal proceedings, but this Mr. Ben Ari said was beyond his power. He also refused to promise that the management would not consider dismissal in any case.

Here Mr. Meshel produced a compromise formula, which, if adopted by the two sides, could lead to the end of the strike. Mr. Meshel suggested that if committee members are found guilty, the issue of their dismissal should be decided only jointly by the management and the Histadrut.

In discussions continuing well after midnight last night, the workers agreed to accept Mr. Meshel's formula. The management was also considered likely to accept the proposals.

### Terrorist captured near Hebron

Security forces yesterday captured a terrorist south of Hebron, who had been sought for several months, the Army spokesman announced last night.

The terrorist had a pistol and four handgrenades in his possession.

### Turkish marksmen to guard embassies

NEW YORK (AP). — The Turkish Government is sending three-man teams of marksmen to all of its Western embassies following the recent assassination of its ambassadors in Vienna and Paris, "Newsweek" says in its forthcoming issue.

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### Cholera in Portugal

LISBON (UPI). — Health officials yesterday fought to contain a cholera epidemic in central Portugal that has killed three persons and hospitalized more than 300 others after they had eaten shellfish.


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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Weather synopsis: Upper cold pool over eastern Mediterranean causes light instability over our region.

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| Safad | 31 | 11—20 | 10—21 |
| Haifa Port | 62 | 17—24 | 19—24 |
| Tiberias | 43 | 14—27 | 14—28 |
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| Shomron | 36 | 13—23 | 12—23 |
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| Gaza | 64 | 15—24 | 16—24 |
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## Social and Personal

Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi addressed the opening meeting of the ten-day study tour of the American Jewish Congress' Women's Division, at the Dan Hotel last night. The 100-member mission is headed by Leona Chanin of New York.

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The Jerusalem West Rotary Club will hold a Ladies' Night, with District Governor Lucien Harris speaking on "The Rotary Movement in Israel — an Appraisal" at 8 tonight, at the King David Hotel.

### *ARRIVALS*

Prof. B.L. Aronoff of the U.S.; Prof. Pariente of Italy; Dr. R. J. C. Verscueren of Holland; Prof. H. Dittrich of West Germany; Prof. P. Kyrle of Austria; Dr. G. Nylander of Sweden; Prof. L. Donati of Italy; Prof. R. M. Dwyer of the U.S.; Dr. M. Entin of Canada; and Dr. J. Christensen of Denmark, to take part in the International Symposium on Laser Surgery, which begins tomorrow.

Silva Zalmanson, from New York, where she held a prolonged hunger strike to dramatize her demand to be allowed to visit her husband in a Soviet prison camp.

### *DEPARTURES*

Chief Rabbis Ovadia Yosef and MK Menahem Yadid, to the U.S. and Mexico, for a three-week tour of Jewish communities (by Swissair).

Dr. Jorge Strigler of Jerusalem, to Las Vegas, to represent the Israel Optometric Association at the International Congress of the national Eye Research Foundation.

## Discussion of Tamir plan for Likud deferred

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud leaders yesterday decided to defer until December discussion on Shmuel Tamir's suggestion to abolish party differences within the Likud. Mr. Tamir, who heads the Free Centre Party, said a week ago that the time was ripe for the Likud to be made into an homogenous political organization, abandoning the framework of the six parties which joined together to form it.

After the Liberal Party's national convention at the end of this month, all Likud member parties will be asked to form an opinion on "united Likud."

### Bomb under UN car dismantled in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A small explosive charge was found yesterday beneath a UN vehicle in the Baka Quarter of Jerusalem and dismantled by a police sapper.

The charge, weighing 50 grammes, was spotted by children on Rivka Street off Bethlehem Road. They notified a passerby who summoned police.

**THE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET** for the City of Gaza for 1975 has been set at IL13.5m., the Interior Ministry announced yesterday. The report on Gaza also noted that the town has three new fire trucks and that the local fire brigade is undergoing training at fire stations in Israel.

## Bruno proposes IL6,000m. slash
# Cabinet hears plan to cut '76 deficit

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Cabinet, continuing discussions on the 1976 State Budget yesterday, heard a plan outlined by Prof. Michael Bruno, economic adviser to the Finance Minister, for reducing the forecast deficit from IL13,500m. to about IL4,500m.

The Cabinet made no decision, and only five of the ministers took part in the discussion.

Bruno's plan called for reducing Government spending by IL6,000m. — IL1,000m. from domestic defence spending, IL3,000 from subsidies for basic commodities and municipalities and IL2,000m. from investment funds. The plan, previously outlined in a memorandum to the Finance Minister, also said revenues could be increased by IL3,000m. — IL1,500m. from taxes (mainly Value Added Tax), and IL1,500m. from sale of Government bonds.

In order to effect the cuts in defence spending, Bruno suggested (in his memorandum) that an inter-departmental committee be set up to supervise the use of U.S. aid funds, and ensure that purchases which can be made locally are not made abroad. He also stated in the memorandum that he felt indirect taxes could be cut by some IL4,000m. when VAT comes into effect, as it is expected to bring revenues of about IL6,000m. in fiscal 1976 (based on a 10 per cent tax rate.)

Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev took issue with Prof. Bruno on the IL2,000m. cut in investment spending. Bar-Lev felt this would seriously hamper efforts to bring more industry to development towns. Bruno, however, said that in the past two years the gross national product had increased by nine per cent, while investments grew by 30 per cent — this meant there was enough equipment available in the country to permit less investment without hurting growth.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, who took part in the discussion, said fiscal and monetary measures were not enough. The public must be made aware of the gravity of the economic situation and the need for a concentrated effort in applying remedies.

With all due importance attached to stepping up production and allocating fewer resources to services, Allon said, care should be taken not to hurt essential services such as education, which could determine the nation's future. He said much more must be done to make labour mobility possible, and non-conventional measures must be sought to provide housing for low-income young couples.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said some of the Government's main targets for the near future should be to curb increases in income and wages, implementation of VAT, and transferring some of the Government-operated services — such as the telephone and airport services — to public-controlled corporations. He also suggested that tax courts be set up to deal with evaders more efficiently.

Apart from the budget discussion, the Cabinet approved a law — somewhat liberalizing the tax reform — which exempts employers from paying the compulsory payroll loan on car and telephone allowances paid to employees. The payroll loan is computed on the wage bill, which under the tax reform has included these allowances as part of the wages. But the new law, though it does not affect the employee's obligation to pay income tax on them, excludes the allowances from the wage bill for the compulsory employers loan.

## Hammer co-opted to Cabinet pending Knesset approval

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It goes without saying that a Cabinet Minister must be bound by Cabinet discipline and accept the yoke of collective responsibility, Premier Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday. Rabin was referring to Minister-designate Zevulun Hammer (NRP).

The Premier's comment came in reply to a query from Mapam Health Minister Victor Shemtov, who asked whether Hammer was still committed to thwart all further withdrawals from the areas, as he had participated in the recent demonstrations against the Sinai accord.

Earlier, the Cabinet at Rabin's request approved the co-option of Hammer to the Government as Minister of Social Welfare. The Cabinet must make the appropriate announcement in the Knesset, and get the Knesset's vote of approval.

Premier Rabin said that the Cabinet had not yet reached any conclusion in its discussion of proposals for a restructuring of government departments (which might include merger of ministries). Hammer's appointment did not commit the Government one way or another as regards these proposals, Rabin said.

One proposal is to merge the Ministry of Social Welfare with other ministries concerned with social betterment and aid. The Government is not likely to approve it.



Striking El Al workshop mechanics kick a soccer ball around outside Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv yesterday as negotiations for ending the strike dragged on. (P.C.A.)

## Ashdod port workers' chief:
# '2,000 paid for doing nothing'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — Ashdod port labour chief Yehoshua Peretz disclosed yesterday that for the past six months more than 2,000 workers have been getting paid for doing nothing. He was talking to members of the Knesset Labour Committee, which yesterday paid a "study visit" to the port.

Peretz told the MKs bluntly that Ashdod Port has turned into a "swimming pool" (meaning that the port was empty of ships). Yesterday, there were only two ships at the port. He blamed the present situation on the management and Zim who he claimed were trying to get even with the workers. "With our present security, social and economic problems, if a port management can reach such a situation in which for the past six or seven months more than 2,000 workers are receiving money for not working, then those responsible should be tried and hanged," Peretz said.

Peretz described to the MKs the moral effect on those workers who go home every day after having punched the card. "Our workers are not the type that goes straight home, reads some books, or listens to Beethoven. They go out to coffee houses, or play cards and lose more money than they earn. You can imagine what the situation of their families is. You can also imagine how difficult it will be to bring them back to work discipline after such a long period of idleness. But I promise if we can get work, we'll see to it that the work is done."

Port manager Yitzhak Gazit blamed the present situation on "economic policies," which has been felt in the decrease of cargoes being handled in the port. But he predicted that when the new container terminal is inaugurated next March or April, container work will start picking up.

The chairman of the Knesset Labour Committee, Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino proposed that the workers get together with the management to try to solve some of the present difficulties. She also said that if asked to by the Histadrut and the workers, the committee would be willing to appoint several MKs to study the present problems of the port.

## Sanbar approves loans to industry

By GIDEON ESHET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel has agreed to help industry cope with rising costs and high commercial interest rates with loans totalling IL200m. to IL250m. this year. Firms would be permitted to use Government bonds they hold — such as those for the compulsory employers' loan — as guarantee for the loans.

This decision, approved by Governor Moshe Sanbar, requires Treasury approval before it can be put into effect. It followed a talk Sanbar held with representatives of the Manufacturers' Association last week, at which they claimed industry could not finance the increased costs resulting from the latest economic measures, and the high interest they have to pay commercial banks for loans.

In order to receive loans from the source approved by Sanbar, industrialists would have to deposit the bonds they hold with the Bank of Israel. Sanbar told the manufacturers he would consider their request to permit use of the compulsory defence loan bonds, as well as guarantees for loans. However, Accountant-General Haim Stoessel told *The Jerusalem Post* he opposed this, and felt it was against the law in any event. Stoessel said he supported the idea of loans against the compulsory employers' loan bonds.

### IULA TO MEET NEXT IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV. — The next meeting of the IULA (International Union of Local Authorities) will be held in Israel. A resolution to this effect was taken last week in Bremen, Germany, by the IULA congress which met there. Only the Iranian delegation voted against holding the meeting in Israel, while the Yugoslavs abstained.

## Dallas Jew leaves $50m. for old-age homes in Israel

TEL AVIV. — A bequest worth over $50m., for the erection of old-age homes for Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel, was left by a Dallas Jew who died recently.

This was revealed last Thursday by MK Aviad Yaffe, speaking at the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club luncheon here on the activities of the "Sapir Fund."

He said the Dallas Jew, whose name was not given, had never contributed to any of the Israel appeals. But a long time before his death he promised that, if there was a mass aliya from the Soviet Union to Israel, he would contribute money for old-age homes.

**According to his will, now being probated, the deceased left 91.5 per cent of his real estate in the Dallas area for this purpose. Over $50m. has been offered — by Arab oil potentates — for this property, Yaffe reported.**

## Banks to get more interest for export loans

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel has announced an increase in the interest paid to commercial banks for money they lend to exporters through the export loan fund.

As of November 1, the central bank will pay an additional one per cent interest to banks which exceed their quota in the loan fund by five per cent — and the rate paid will be even higher for those exceeding their quota by 7.5 per cent or more. The banks will thus be able to get as much as a 26 per cent interest on loans made to exporters.

The Bank of Israel and the commercial banks share in the export loan fund, with each bank having a quota of funds it must make available to the fund. The new measure is aimed at getting the banks to make more funds available to exporters.

## Small fry go for a ride

BEIT SHEAN. — A police patrol which observed the erratic progress of a car on the Afula-Beit Shean road Friday naturally gave chase — coming close to colliding with the car several times — until it managed to force it to halt.

Three shaken boys, the oldest of them aged 12, stepped out of the car. They said they had "felt like going for a ride" and decided to "borrow" the car. The policemen's surprise grew when the boys pointed to the smallest of the three as the driver. The boy explained that he could not reach both the wheel and the pedals while sitting, so he drove the car standing up...

The three, all residents of Beit Shean, were taken to headquarters for questioning — and presumably a good scolding. *(Itim)*

### Sussman approved as head of Defence Min.

The Cabinet approved the appointment yesterday of Prof. Pinhas Sussman as Director-General of the Defence Ministry.

The 48-year-old sabra holds a doctorate in economics and served in the past as adviser to the Agriculture Ministry, economic adviser to the Defence Ministry, and researcher at the World Bank in Washington. He taught agricultural economics at the Hebrew University and at the University of California.

A veteran of the Palmah, Sussman is an officer in the reserves and served in Aluf (res.) Ariel Sharon's division during the Yom Kippur War. (Sharon was recently named adviser on security to the Prime Minister.)

## T.A. building error approved retroactively

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The local building commission has retroactively approved deviations from the original plans for the construction of the Asia and I.B.M. buildings on Sderot Shaul Hamelech near the central court building.

The two separate buildings — the second tallest in the city at 26 stories high — will be part of a complex joined by a plaza. An underground parking lot for several hundred cars will be constructed beneath the plaza.

The deviations make the ground floors of the buildings about one metre higher than originally planned. The city at first said it would not compromise, because any deviation necessitated changes in the plaza. However, the builders countered that they would not benefit from the deviation, that it was a genuine error, and that it would cost many millions of pounds to reconstruct the floors.

As a result, the city agreed to some changes in the plaza, including a 2.5 metre protective wall where the lower sidewalk and the plazza meet.

DISPUTE AT ASHKELON OIL PORT
## Court bars outside firm pending arbitration

By HAIM SHAHAM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A labour court judge yesterday ordered a halt to all work by outside contractors at the Ashkelon oil port, pending arbitration of the labour dispute declared last week by the Marine Department workers there.

Judge Yosef Rabi ruled that the works committee and the management of the Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company would have to agree within the next few days on an arbitrator to settle the dispute. In the meantime, he acceded to he request by the workers' representatives to bar the work of all outside contractors.

The management recently hired the Ha'ogen company of Haifa to renovate one of the four piers at the oil terminal. The workers of the Marine Department claim this is an outright violation of the recommendations of the Ushpiz Committee, which was set up earlier this year to arbitrate the dispute which culminated in the Marine Department workers taking to sea in commandeered boats to escape being served with court orders. That dispute, too, was the result of staff objections to the work of an outside contractor at the port.

The workers claim — in the brief submitted to the labour court here — that Marine Department personnel have carried out all marine jobs since the establishment of the oil port. They say the renovation of the pier — which was contracted out to Ha'ogen — is "marine work" of the type they have carried out in the past, to the management's satisfaction.

The management, however, claims the pier project is "non-routine" work and is not related to the Marine Department.

According to the brief signed by company director Avraham Botzer, the management has been trying for the past year to make changes in the work of the Marine Department which would increase job mobility and free workers for "non-routine" jobs — which have been neglected for a long time because of inflexible work arrangements.

## Israel will follow U.S. if it quits the ILO

If the United States decides to quit the International Labour Organization because the Palestine Liberation Organization has been granted observer status, Israel will probably follow suit.

This was the interpretation put last night on the decision to hold a top-level consultation today between the Foreign Minister and the Labour Miniser, in the wake of reports that Washington was currently studying a proposal by AFL-CIO chief George Meany to file notice of U.S. withdrawal from the international labour body, effective 1977.

ILO regulations state that two-year advance notice is necessary before the U.S. can pull out of the organization.

Yigal Allon and Moshe Baram, after working out a joint stand on the issue, will consult with the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association, who are represented (along with the Government) in Israel's ILO delegations.

The final outcome of these talks will be submitted to the next Cabinet session, for consideration and possibly immediate decision.

Israel is expected to coordinate its stand with the U.S.

The ILO has said that the U.S. government has committed itself to pay full dues for 1976. George Meany was quoted in a recent "New York Times" article as favouring full payment on condition that Washington officially file its notice to quit.

This U.S. decision would now be on President Ford's desk, according to latest rumours in Washington.

(U.S. payments represent 25 per cent of the ILO's budget. The ILO is now in a deep financial crisis.)

## IDF has new Maintenance Crops

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Quartermaster-General, Aluf Arye Levi, yesterday announced the formation of a new corps — a merger of the Supply Corps and the various maintenance units — to be known as the Maintenance Corps. Tat-Aluf Pinhas Lahav will be in charge of it.

The new body will help relieve the Quartermaster-General and the so-called "General Corps" units, encompassing all the odd-job men, from cooks and drivers, to town majors, to storekeepers and logistics experts.

Speaking about economy measures recently adopted by his branch, the Quartermaster-General said there would be a reduction in the number of flights and buses available to transport soldiers home on leave and back to their units. But the number of plane seats available would still exceed the number of soldiers entitled to them, he said.

Aluf Levi disclosed that Egged had turned down a request to transport girl soldiers for free. The army had limited the request to girls in uniform, after dark, on inter-urban routes.

## Loan sought for Haifa hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Labour Council is lobbying in Jerusalem for a IL20m. loan to complete the urgently needed 430-bed Kupat Holim Hospital in Ahuza. A huge deficit and lack of credit from any source have compelled the Kupat Holim executive to suspend work in the final stage. The hospital has been under construction for six years, and some IL140m. (at today's prices) has been invested in it.

The Council will continue to pressure the government ministries, Kupat Holim and the Municipality to get them to withdraw the decision freezing the work. Acting Council Secretary Avraham Hameiri told a secretariat session yesterday that officially, the freeze was for six months, but that according to the Health Ministry the period would be much longer.

The delay will hit the northern area hard because the Carmel Hospital was intended to serve the aged population, which in Haifa is larger than in other cities. Many old people in need of hospital care now go without, according to the council spokesman.

DULZIN:
## Tell world that Sadat still Nazi

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Jewish people should tell the world that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is still a Nazi and should denounce him for his anti-Jewish attacks, acting Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulzin declared here yesterday in addressing the national conference of the Joint Israel Appeal. Leaders of Jewish communities from all parts of Britain attended.

Dulzin said the friends of the Jewish people will only respond if the Jews are ready to stand up against the current wave of anti-Semitic agitation now emanating from the UN. He warned the Jewish communities of those countries that either voted for or abstained on the anti-Zionist motion at the UN that they should expect serious trouble.

Dulzin deplored the Arab re-writing of history, with many Jews falling victim to Arab propaganda, not knowing that in 1926, 450,000 out of the 800,000 Arabs in Palestine, on both sides of the Jordan, were themselves immigrants. Zionism not only paved the way for Jewish but for Arab immigration, he noted.

He said that of 107,000 Soviet Jews who arrived in the past four and a half years only 5,000 had left Israel. Because about 160,000 Soviet Jews had applied for exit visas, he said the struggle for aliya from the Soviet was far from over.

Israel Ambassador Gideon Rafael pointed out that yesterday was the 58th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. He referred to Dulzin as "the acting and most active agency chairman," and compared the anti-Zionist motion to a "new declaration of the Yom Kippur War, but this time against the entire Jewish people."

Dr. Meir Rosenne, legal adviser to Israel's Foreign Ministry, declared that Sadat had displayed the crude image of the classical anti-Semite. He warned that the Arabs were trying to split the U.S. and the Jewish people away from Israel.

## Gov't will pay interest on tardy tax rebates

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Internal Revenue Administration has announced that tax payers who filed their tax return for fiscal 1974 based on "proper bookkeeping" — and overpaid — will receive refunds before the end of the 1975 fiscal year.

If the overpayment is not refunded by then (March 31), the Government will pay an interest of 15 per cent per annum. If the balance is still unpaid by September 1976, 15 months after it was paid by the taxpayer — the amount will be linked to the Cost-of-Living index.

These new measures were seen as an effort by the tax authorities to counterbalance the measures imposed on tax payers who owe the Government tax money. Outstanding tax amounts, according to regulations which go into effect 1 January, will be linked to the index and subject to a two per cent interest penalty per month.

## Cancer drive tomorrow

TEL AVIV. — The annual "Knock on Every Door" campaign, sponsored by the Israel Cancer Society, will knock on approximately 850,000 doors tomorrow.

The campaign, which has mobilised 35,000 youngsters and 5,000 adult volunteers, aims at collecting IL2.5m. towards the society's annual budget of IL10m.

The youngsters will begin canvassing households shortly after 4 p.m.

### North African Jews end world congress

The Second World Congress of North African Jewry ended last night with a reception by Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur and O/C Air Force Binyamin Peled at an Air Force base somewhere in Israel.

Rav-Aluf Gur admitted with regret that there were fewer immigrants from North Africa in senior command posts than their proportion in the general fighting forces warranted. He said he hoped the community's efforts to improve educational standards and bridge the social gap would solve this problem as well.

Peres called on the delegates to work for the immigration to Israel of the half million North Africans now living abroad. *(Itim)*

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# Olympos passes through Canal

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passage for Israeli cargoes is yet to come, when more goods are sent through, and the Egyptians' reaction can then be judged.

They pointed out that it may well be that the reason for the delay was indeed only "technical," noting that the communications difficulties between Egyptian officials in Port Said and Greek shipping clerks in Piraeus, presumably made in English, were probably "quite formidable," and may have caused so long a delay.

But the possibility could not be ruled out that the Egyptians deliberately adopted such tactics in order to frighten other shipowners away from the idea of carrying Israeli cargoes through the Canal. They noted that even a hold-up of 24 hours would cost several thousand dollars in ship operation costs, which would make the passage extremely expensive. In that case the whole economic basis of the passage would be negated.

The observers feel that the Egyptian officials have adopted their obstruction tactics, just because the first test cargo was attended by so much world-wide publicity "to show who is boss in the canal." If so, now that they have made their point, they might give regular treatment to subsequent cargoes, which would presumably not be shipped in a blaze of publicity.

The experts therefore held it to be "vital" for Israel to follow through with a number of additional cargoes as fast as possible, to put the Egyptian intention to a "real test."

This would be achieved only by a number of cargoes in quick succession, which would either put passage on a regular basis, or demonstrate that the Egyptians have no intention of regularising traffic at all.

Under these circumstances, it is felt, the first "test" cargo had not been a real test at all, notwithstanding the fact that the Olympos had in fact been the third and the first ship Israel had intended to send to make the test run, having had to call off the previous two runs at the Egyptians' demand.

### THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

the West Berlin Broadcasting Authority, now touring Israel, was guest of the Beersheba Municipal yesterday. Mayor Eliahu Navi gave a reception for the 50 members of the orchestra after their concert last night at the municipal conservatory.

Our beloved

NATHAN M. GOLD

has left us.
The funeral will be held at 2.30 p.m. today, Monday, November 3, 1975, at the Holon Cemetery. Meet at the new gate.

Mother-in-law, Margavith Korein, Tel Aviv
Children, Ruth, Miriam, Dahlia, Jacues, Laizlo,
Grandchildren, Irit, Taly
Canada, Brussels

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear mother and grandmother

CHAYA GITTEL SUGAR נ"ע

daughter of Aharon Yehoshua ז"ל

The funeral has taken place in Toronto.
Shiva will be observed until Friday afternoon, November 7, 1975 at the Pessin residence, 28 Rehov Hida, Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem.

Her children:
Sam and Mary, Toronto
Phil and Lil, New York
Sadie and Harry Harshman, Toronto
Al and Evelyn, Toronto
Dr. Max and Barbara, New Orleans
Rabbi Benjamin Zeev and Hinda, New York
Hanna and Nachum Pessin, Jerusalem
Her grandchildren and great grandchildren

On behalf of the Bronx Region Zionist Organization of America, its officers and members, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to our President

DR. JOSEPH P. STERNSTEIN
and his family on the passing of his beloved

MOTHER

of blessed memory
May you be consoled among the mourners of Zion and Israel and not know any further sorro
(Signed)
Dr. Philip D. Abramowitz, Executive Director
Leon Bloom, President.

# Teachers to sue Ministry over back-pay issue

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers Union is taking the Ministry of Education to court following the continuing failures of the Ministry to resolve the back-pay irregularities for the 1974/75 school year.

The union spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that this "is in fact a last resort effort by the union to avoid a general strike."

The union will be asking the court to declare the Ministry guilty of a breach of contract. Teachers from all over the country, whose back-pay accounts have still not been straightened out, will also be asked to file private suits against the Ministry.

The decision to take the problem to court was reached after Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz rejected the teachers' demands to have their back-pay linked to the Cost of Living Index and to be compensated the inroads of inflation on the pay owed them for the previous school year.

The teachers' payroll machinery broke down two years ago when the Ministry went over to computers. Most teachers had until recently been getting only advances on their pay, and the Ministry has been unable to fix a date for payment of salaries due for the 1973/74 school year.

After strike threats, most teachers finally did get their 1974/75 back-pay, but there were still a great many irregularities which the Ministry promised to clear up during the month of October. Failing to meet this deadline, the Ministry asked for a three-month extension. At this point the teachers said that if they have to wait any longer, the real value of their pay should at least be insured.



CAUTION, SOLDIERS IN ROADWAY. — Soldiers hitching rides to the North at the entrance to Haifa stand in the middle of the road, where the sidewalk used to be, endangering their own lives and causing traffic jams. The road at this point, the Bat Galim intersection, was widened recently to accommodate the ever-increasing number of vehicles. But the hitchhikers still stand where they did before. (PCA)

## Monthly Medal golf

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

CAESAREA. — Effie Been of Herzliya Bet has won the Monthly Medal golf tournament with a net score of 70, followed by James O'Callaghan of Untso in Jerusalem with a net 71. Two Tel Aviv insurance men, Harold Stutzen and Alec Rathouse, took first and second place in the "B" division, followed by Brian Cooper of Ramat Gan and Dave Adler of Haifa. All four golfers returned net 70 scores.

"Common sense is instinct,
And enough of it is genius"
(H.W. Shaw)

A WORD TO THE WISE
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# New financial snags could delay T.A. bus station

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Construction work at the new central bus terminal going up at Kikar Levinsky here is nearly at a standstill, after Solel Boneh decided to pull out its work teams and equipment.

The move follows the failure of Solel Boneh's partners in the construction project — contractor Arye Pilz and Egged — to provide financial guarantees to insure Solel Boneh's investments.

Solel Boneh owns a 15 per cent interest in the project. The Pilz concern has a 50 per cent share, and Egged has 35 per cent. Each of the last two blames the other for the failure to provide the guarantees demanded by Solel Boneh.

At this point Solel Boneh, which is doing all of the actual building, says its partners are behind in their payments to the tune of IL70m. Solel Boneh has already invested some IL80m. of its own funds in the terminal.

Now Solel Boneh wants financial guarantees from its partners that would assure it of getting back its investments in materials and construction costs.

Solel Boneh has slowly been transferring employees and equipment to other building sites. Only 40 watchmen are still left to keep an eye on the terminal site.

This may prevent the builders from meeting the end-of-1976 deadline for the opening of the terminal.

The whole central bus terminal project is said to be in financial difficulties now due to recurrent delays in construction, which — coupled with the inflationary spiral — have greatly driven up construction costs.

# Egged-Dan merger moves forward

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A memorandum on the merger of Egged and Dan was approved last week by the secretariats of the two bus cooperatives.

The next step on the road to merger is to be a second memorandum, this time also to be worked on by the ministries of Transport and Finance and by representatives of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company.

Once the second memorandum is approved, lawyers of the two cooperatives will use the documents to draw up a contract to be brought before all Dan and Egged members for approval.

A Dan official told *The Jerusalem Post* he hoped that by April 1, 1976 the two cooperatives will be merged.

A tough issue still to be worked out is the question of financial equality. Egged members own bus stations, while Dan cooperative has considerable high value real estate in the greater Tel Aviv area.

# Meshel to press for more trade unionists on top Histadrut body

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yeruham Meshel, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, is determined to press for larger representation of trade unionists on the Labour Federation's Central Committee.

Just back from the 11th congress of the ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) in Mexico City, Meshel is convinced that the relative weakness of the Histadrut leadership today stems from the fact that it has lost contact with the workers. Having compared notes on the situation in other organizations, Meshel concluded that at least half the 20 members of the Central Committee should be drafted from trade union leaders.

"Our system, which had served all right in the past, is no longer adequate to cope with the problems of a mass organization," Meshel told *The Jerusalem Post* last week.

The Mexico City meeting dealt with the impact of oil in creating economic chaos and the nefarious role of the multi-national oil companies in this respect. Labour relations were also tackled, Meshel said.

"The Keynes doctrine that unemployment cures inflation has proved wrong in more countries than one," he added.

Israel fared well in comparison with most countries as far as labour relations in industry were concerned. "But we are in 11th place in the public services sector," Meshel reported. In part, Israel's difficulties stem from the fact that public service — in most developed countries — has never been a "proletarian" occupation. The services are in the hands of the middle class. Public servants form "associations," not "unions," and consider their jobs a "vocation." In some countries, Meshel said, salaries in the public service are fixed by a parliamentary commission.

According to some observers, Meshel said, many of the problems of the Israeli public services can be traced to the unprecedented fact that all Government employees are organized in one union. There exists no professional or occupational link between various groups of public servants, except for the fact that all are paid by the Government.

Personally, Meshel said, he prefers the Austrian and West German system of fixing State employees' salaries according to the average salaries in industry.

Meshel also wants to learn from others' experience by ruling that shop stewards could not negotiate labour contracts. The works committees, Meshel said, were meant to be "the watchdogs on the spot" that the terms of the contract were fulfilled.

But, far from relegating the workers' leaders to police function, Meshel advocates a system in which trade unionists are called to take part in fixing the overall wage policy.

"The leaders of the works committees must be active members of national trade unions," Meshel urged.

"While the Histadrut has been an important vehicle for change in the trade unionist movement in the past, unions in the West are now far ahead of us," Meshel admitted. Members of the ICFTU unions, especially in Scandinavian countries and England, play an active role in shaping social policy, developing community centres and fostering "co-determination" — the term used in some countries to denote participation of workers in management.

"This is not a matter of wages, but of social change." Political democracy, Meshel asserts, is "impossible without industrial democracy." But, in this field, "Israel has lost its leadership."

In March, Meshel revealed, an international symposium on "co-determination" will be held in Israel.

However, the Histadrut experience, and especially the moshav idea, played a pioneering role in the Asian-African and Latin American conditions, Meshel said. The newly elected president of the ICFTU, the Malaysian P.P. Nayaranan (sponsored by Meshel, incidentally), said so openly.

# Holding seminars while the public waits

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Closing down governmental agencies while employees go off to "seminars" and "workshops" is more of an indiscretion than a wrongdoing, a Civil Service Commission official said yesterday.

He was referring to two such cases in recent weeks. In one, Tel Aviv offices of the State Lands Administration were closed to the public while workers — some of them with their families — travelled to Eilat for a seminar. In the second case, the Tel Aviv office of the Housing Ministry's tenancy unit was shut as the staff attended lectures at a popular guest facility nearby.

Civil Service Commission spokesman Yehuda Levanon told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that as far as he knew neither of the occurrences constituted a violation of the commission's recent rulings that daily expenses for such refresher courses may not exceed IL70 per person.

"It is quite probable," he said, "that civil servants or their works committees used their own funds to make up for the difference in the rates actually paid to the hosts."

What bothered the commission, Mr. Levanon added, was the improbability that these seminars could be uniformly considered to be of benefit to the agency in improving its service to the public.

He put it this way: "While a refresher course is vital to the director of a unit or his senior staff members, it is questionable whether closing down an entire office and including the telephone receptionist in the trip is also of benefit to the public."

# 150,000 parents now 'saving for education'

By ARTHUR KEEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. —Some 150,000 parents faced with increased education costs have accumulated IL135m. towards their children's high school education, according to Arye Stein, head of the Tel Aviv municipal save-for-education scheme, Gahelet, and a member of the National Council for Savings.

The council is holding a campaign to encourage savings for education, lasting until November 31. Participating are the educational funds of Haifa (Hesseh), Ramat Gan (Margalit) and of Tel Aviv; and the save-for-education schemes of Bank Hapo'alim and the Union of Local Authorities.

In the course of the campaign, 169 prizes in the form of grants in one of the funds will be awarded. The total value of these prizes is IL75,000.

Devora Tomer of Bank Hapo'alim pointed out that the past few years have seen a significant increase in the number of savers in educational funds. This was due to the high cost of high school education — IL10,230 for the 10th, 11th and 12th grades together — and a fear among parents that Government programmes for establishing free high school education have slowed down and might shortly cease altogether.

The education funds require a relatively small monthly payment over a period of years, depending upon the child's age when the account is opened. In the course of the years the funds grow, due to linkage to the educational index and tax-free interest.

# The pill-swallowing Israeli

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The average number of pills in each Israeli household, according to a recent survey, is 550, an article by Dr. Avrahm Atzmon, of Kupat Holim's central committee, reveals. Some Kupat Holim patients have so much medicine obtained free on prescription from the sick fund's doctors that they set up their own personal home "pharmacy," from which they dose themselves when they feel the need.

Writing in the latest edition of "Data for the Doctor," a journal published by the Histadrut sick fund, he says that the largest amount of medicine found in one household was 7,500 pills, suppositories and ampoules.

Dr. Atzmon pleads with Kupat Holim doctors not to be 'seduced" into prescribing unneeded medicines, noting that Israelis take more medicine than any other nation in the world. In the 1974/75 fiscal year, Kupat Holim gave its two million-plus members some 760 million pills, 25 million suppositories and 10 million ampoules — over "a pill a day for each member."

All medicines have side-effects — thousands of people end up in hospital due to these side-effects — and by the simple act of not prescribing medicines to patients who do not need them, many of the patients would not reach hospital.

Surveys in Israel and abroad have shown that about five per cent of all hospital beds are filled with patients suffering the ill-effects of drugs.

Dr. Atzmon believes that charging a nominal fee for medicines would keep many persons from getting them from the pharmacy (the doctor rarely knows if his prescriptions are picked up).

He notes that when Kupat Holim Maccabi began charging for prescriptions some years ago, the number of prescriptions dropped from 19.9 per person per year, to 12.6.

Surveys abroad have shown that a nominal fee caused a 35 per cent drop in Sweden: and a 16.7 per cent in the U.K.

Proposals to charge a nominal fee in Kupat Holim here have been defeated by the Histadrut which says that it is an "anti-social" move, although all social welfare cases would be exempt from the payment.

# Jews abroad to be asked to join Zionist movement

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jews in the free world are to be asked to mark their support for the Zionist aim by joining the Zionist Organization, Yitzhak Korn, secretary-general of the Labour Zionist Movement, told the press here yesterday.

He said that eight world Zionist organizations last week issued an appeal to members and sympathizers in 29 countries to do their best to turn public opinion against the Arab-sponsored attack on Zionism as "racial." The appeal was signed by the Labour Zionist Movement, United World Zionist Confederation, Hamizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi, General Zionists Union, Herut, Mapam, Independent Liberals and Wizo.

Mr. Korn said that the Union of Zionist Parties has formulated a plan to give the National Zionist Federation greater influence both in the Zionist organization and local community affairs. The plan suggests that the work of Zionist emissaries in each country be coordinated between themselves and the local Zionist organization. The reform also includes the clause that the government of Israel should "maintain close contacts" with the local Zionist leadership. The plan will be presented to the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist executive in January.

**IN RESPONSE** to demand for tickets to the Isaac Stern — Gino Bachauer benefit concert for handicapped children on Saturday night, November 8, at the Jerusalem Theatre, a limited number of standing room tickets (at IL40) are now available. These tickets, as well as the few remaining at IL70-100, can be purchased at the Jerusalem Theatre box office, Cahana's or the offices of ALAN/ALYN, Jerusalem.

## Prominent vet to jail for bribes

TEL AVIV. — The District Court yesterday handed out a one-year prison sentence to Dr. Ya'acov Korazim, head of the Municipality's Veterinary Department, for accepting bribes.

Dr. Korazim, 60, was convicted of taking bribes from Yitzhak Reinisch, proprietor of the Keter meat plant in Haifa, on at least four occasions. Korazim claimed he had accepted the money as consultation fees, but Reinisch himself testified — with the aid of a tape recorder he had taken to some of his meetings with Korazim — that he had paid bribes.

In 1970 Reinisch offered Korazim money so that city inspectors would not "bother" shops, including Supersol and Wimpy, which sold Keter products. Later, Reinisch discovered that complaints against some of the shops stocking his products were filed all the same, for content of nitrates in the meat. He met again with Korazim, who promised to inspect these shops less often, and to try the cases on hand in a municipal court, so that they do not become public knowledge.

Judge Hanna Evenor said she recognized the contribution Korazim — well known in Israel for his work in veterinary medicine — has made to his profession, and was taking into consideration his age as well. However, the offence was "an ugly one" and a prison sentence was called for, she said. *(Itim)*

# More religious Germans touring here

By YA'ACOV AKDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Religious tourism from Germany is rising again, after a slump earlier this year because of the unsettled political situation, according to Emil Rex, founder and director of the Rex Seereisen Company of Erkrath, near Duesseldorf. Since 1968, his travel organization has brought to Israel 6,000 German Protestants, many of them deeply religious Pietists.

Rex, himself a Pietist, arrived with his first group of 1,400 in October 1968 in the British India Steamship boat "Nevasa" for a week's tour of the country in a fleet of 36 buses.

"If the political situation here causes no upsets the outlook is favourable," says Rex, who is here at the head of 116 tourists on "Follow the Bible" tours of either two or three weeks. This is the smallest group ever, but for 1976 the bookings are up to over 300 and 120 reservations have already been made for 1977. "In Germany, the purchase of consumer items had dropped, but travel is more popular than ever and the number of German tourists going abroad has gone up by 20 per cent over the previous year."

Rex travellers follow a Bible-oriented itinerary, usually accompanied by theologians or clerics, but they also hear lectures on modern Israel.

Rex also organizes trips for religious tourists to other destinations but those to Israel are his main pursuit. "I regard it as a vocation to bring people here, for their sake and also for Israel."

He entered the tourism field by chance. As a voluntary worker of the Evangelical Youth Association in Germany he was asked, in 1966, to organize a trip by 1,000 young people to a Protestant world congress in Ireland. He chartered a boat, and took them to Belfast, Scotland and Norway. "It was such a success that I was asked to organize a second trip. I found I could do it well and stayed with it."

## North African congress moves to Jerusalem

North African Jews, familiar with Zionism even before it became an organized movement, were the ones who absorbed the first Ashkenazi immigrants to this country in Old Jaffa, President Ephraim Katzir told an applauding audience of the World Congress of North African Jewry in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Congress moved to Jerusalem yesterday to meet at the Hebrew University, with the President and French Ambassador Jean Herly as guests. They were among the signatories of the charter scroll for a research centre on North African Jewry, to be established as part of Yad Ben-Zvi.

Shaul Ben Simhon, world chairman of the Organization of North African Jews, said IL2m. would be spent on establishing the centre in the next four years — with North African Jews contributing half, and Yad Ben-Zvi providing the other half. Ambassador Herly promised France's help in gathering and making available historic material existing in France.

Mayor Teddy Kollek held a reception for the congress participants at the President Hotel. *(Itim)*

## Auction of Sassoon papers on Wednesday

# Appeal nears IL100,000 mark

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The public fund for the Sassoon collection of antique Hebrew manuscripts is approaching the IL100,000 mark.

The campaign for funds, to enable the Jewish National and University Library to bid on Wednesday in the Zurich auction of 38 items from the famous collection, was started last week by the Hebrew University with the support of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

The head of the Library, Prof. Reuven Yaron, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that over the weekend he received a IL10,000 contribution from Dr. Reuven Hecht, owner of the Dagon grain silos in Haifa. A surprise contribution of IL7,000 reached him from the Negev township of Netivot, in addition to many smaller cheques from individual donors.

"Collections are coming along nicely and there is a ground swell of interest," Prof. Yaron said. He hinted at a six-figure donation expected soon, but refused to indicate the source.

In an interview last week, Rabbi David Solomon Sassoon told *The Post* that following the death of his mother in 1967 he decided to sell the collection, which numbers over 1,200 manuscripts. The collection, which a year and a half ago was valued at between $8m. and $9m., belongs to the family but Rabbi Sassoon controls it. Educated as a Talmudic scholar, Rabbi Sassoon, 60, looked after the family business following the death in 1942 of his father, who had compiled the collection.

Bombed out during the London Blitz in World War II, the family moved to Letchworth near Cambridge, later settling in Jerusalem in 1970. Rabbi Sassoon devoted much of his time to the welfare of Jews who came to England after Indian independence in 1947. He also supported the Porat Yosef Yeshiva in Jerusalem, of which he has been chairman for the last 10 years.

In the 1960s he felt that he was coming to a parting of the ways. "To keep the collection, I would have to devote all my energies to business — to continue my communal and scholarly work, I'd have to sell," he said. With the approval of his mother the decision to sell was taken.

A large part of Rabbi Sassoon's charitable work revolves around the Otzar Hatora educational network, which embraces about 14,000 school children in Morocco, Iran, Syria and France. Founded in New York in 1945 by Isaac Shalom, whose family comes from Syria, Otzar Hatora schools aim at teaching traditional Judaism and counteracting assimilation.

To indicate the costs of maintaining his father's collection, Rabbi Sassoon said that insurance alone costs about IL200,000 a year. He said that in 1969, he had first offered the collection to the Hebrew University and the Israel Government at less than its full value, but that Israel failed to grasp the opportunity.

## Diving to be made safer in Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli divers will greatly increase Eilat's attractiveness to divers from abroad when they install a large decompression chamber there next month.

This was announced here yesterday at the national convention of Israeli divers, in which more than 500 divers took part. The conference at Barbour House dealt with diving safety and medical care, marine biology and archaeology, and developments in diving equipment.

The decompression chamber to be installed in Eilat will make diving there far safer — it will make possible treatment of divers who might suffer from "the bends," a disorder which occurs when a diver decompresses too quickly.

There are, at present, more than 5,000 divers in Israel who are licensed to dive with scuba equipment.

## Burg asked to ban film on Nazi era

Numerous letters and telephone calls have reached Yad Vashem in protest against the screening of the film "The Night Porter," the institution's administration said yesterday.

Heads of Yad Vashem sent a cable to Interior Minister Yosef Burg, whose ministry is in charge of censoring shows, asking him to reconsider allowing the film to be shown. They claimed the film, connected with the Holocaust, is shocking and offensive to many persons who suffered at the hands of the Nazis. *(Itim)*

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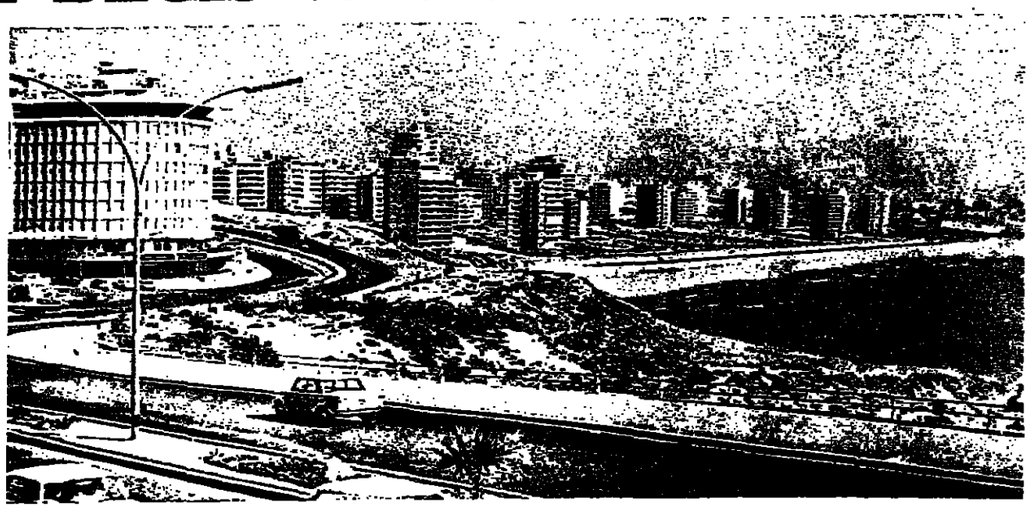
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# BEIRUT'S 'BATTLE FOR THE HOTELS' MAY BE DECISIVE FOR LEBANON

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The outcome of the "battle for the hotels," now being waged along el Hosn St. the *northernmost bulge on the Beirut* city map, will probably be decisive in determining the scope of hostilities in Beirut and even all of Lebanon. Total casualties suffered so far are now estimated at 5-6,000 dead, with at least twice that number wounded.

Many are victims of the intensified fighting of the past week or so, which saw the transition of the Beirut clashes from erratic fusilades and mortar bombardments to a war with the three high-rise hotels, the St. George and Phoenicia on El Hosn St. and the brand-new Holiday Inn on John Kenned St. as the principal target of the attacking Moslem units. All three hotels are being held by Phalangists, right-wing Christian Maronites, and are used by them to dominate the adjoining Clemencau Boulevard and beyond it part of the streets of the Moslem-held city centre.



Beirut's seaside hotel district, with the Intercontinental at left. (Eupra)

If the Moslem units, supported by Sa'eka and other terrorist organizations, succeed in liquidating the Phalangist strongholds in the three high-rise hotels, they may well attempt to set their sights on the complete elimination of the Christian Phalangists from Beirut. To achieve this they would, however, still have to eliminate the Christians from their Ashrafiye quarter, on the eastern *outskirts* of the city, and at Ein Rumane, Faran, and Asheback, near the city's race track.

Political aims are at this stage, still a minor consideration. The Maronites did *suggest recently (as* they have done in the past) that the time may be ripe for the country to be divided between the various sects. The Moslems want to establish their predominance in the *country's government, claiming* that the last census (in 1932) no longer reflects the true proportion of the various sects and that they now outnumber the original Christian headcount of 54 per cent.

It is difficult to estimate the extent of Syria's involvement in the Lebanese fighting. The Syrians are *known to have delivered supplies* to the terrorist units and sent some 5,000 Sa'eka members to support the Moslems.

Additional supplies of weapons and ammunition are probably finding their way across the eastern border, but the quantity of the weapons used in the fighting so far has been limited to battalion-strength types, with the largest type bore (and heaviest shell) probably being carried by 120 mm. mortars.

The Syrians could easily camouflage their entry into the country in the guise of terrorists. They may have done so, on a limited scale. Both Christians and Moslems in the Lebanese government are agreed that any attempt to involve the Lebanese army in the fighting would, at this stage, only fan the flames of the conflict even further in a final escalation to civil war.

So far the war appears to be *restricted to Beirut.* But the experts stress that a Moslem victory there could whet appetites for additional conquests.

There have also been reports of violence and exchanges of fire at Zahla, 40 kms. east of Beirut, which is believed to have been the origin of the conflict. It started at the local gaming tables when a brawl between a Christian and a Moslem escalated to pitched street battles between members of both communities and spread like wildfire from there to other towns in the Lebanon, including Christian-dominated Dammur, 15 kms. south of Beirut and straddling the main road leading out of that city in the direction of Tyre.

The Druse and Armenian minorities — one siding with the Moslems and the others with the Phalangists have so far remained uninvolved. At one stage, the killing of several Druse who crossed a line of fire in Beirut almost brought the Druse into the conflict as well.

The attitude to be taken by the Shii sect of Moslems, still uninvolved, is a major question. They represent the majority of Moslems *in the Lebanon, but are a minority* group in other Arab countries and therefore sympathetic to the Christians' cause.

They have an armed militia of their own ("El Amal") which could stir up trouble *for the Sunni Moslems,* who have been doing almost all of the fighting on their own so far.

Also still uninvolved: the sizeable Christian communities accounting for the bulk of the Maronites in the Lebanon — inhabiting most of the inland mountain ranges.

## Guards and guns now standard for diplomats

NEW YORK (AP). — In an age of terrorism, assassinations and political kidnappings, diplomats around the world conduct their business behind steel doors and under heavy guard — extremely cautious about whom they let into their offices.

- The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi is guarded 24 hours a day by Indian police who live in a tent *outside the gate.*
- The American Ambassador in Malaysia runs several miles every morning for exercise, but with a Marine guard jogging alongside.
- In New York, an Israeli diplomat carries a gun, and when he goes to a restaurant he asks for a table with a view of the door and the entire room.
- An ambassador in Buenos Aires goes around with a pistol in his belt.
- Passageways to high-echelon offices in some embassies and consulates are blocked by iron gates, and two-way mirrors and television scanners are used to check on who enters diplomatic missions.
- Diplomats in some countries are advised to mix up daily routines and take different routes to and from their offices each day.

The question of diplomatic security came to the fore last month, when the Turkish ambassadors in Paris and Vienna were assassinated — one in his office, the other in an ambush of his car.

Few diplomats around the world say the security precautions under which they now operate interfere with their work.

"The point is that it is up to us, up to the ambassador, to decide if we want to take these guards everywhere," said Egyptian Ambassador Abdel Monem Shinnawi in Manila. "They are not imposed upon us. They do not interfere with our work, and they do not see what we do 24 hours a day."

An American diplomat in Tokyo said, "I don't think all these security measures cramp your lifestyle. If you were in Beirut, I'd assume things would be more uptight. Actually, I feel safer here than in Washington. But all we need is *one South American-style kidnapping* and the atmosphere would change overnight."

A spokesman for the French Embassy in Bonn said, "Work has become more difficult in as much *as one has to take security* precautions today which hardly agree with the functions of an embassy. In years past, the embassy also used to be a place of representation which has now turned into a fortress because of fences. Our ambassador has not changed his lifestyle. He does his work like before. Perhaps it is sometimes burdened by the security precautions."

In Kuala Lumpur, where the U.S. Embassy was seized three months ago by Japanese Red Army terrorists, many diplomatic missions have increased their security. But the Swedish Embassy, which is in the same building as the American mission, did not.

"An embassy is supposed to be open to serve the public," said Charge d'Affaires Frederik Bergenstrahle, who was one of those held by the terrorists who seized the American Embassy. "How much security can one put into it? The more security, the more inconvenience for the public."

Diplomatic officials say they do not want to discuss specific security arrangements because that would defeat their purpose. But increased precautions and the stepped-up guard details are clearly visible to anyone who visits an embassy or consulate.

An Associated Press survey showed that the Israelis, who have had three diplomats killed in four years, have the heaviest security of all.

For example, the Israeli Consulate in Montreal is in the sub-sub-basement of a large office building. It isn't listed on the directory board at the building's main entrance.

Canadian press writer Brian Ostroff recently visited the consulate and entered by way of a half-hidden stairway and wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling iron bars.

Ostroff wrote: "An armed guard employed by a Canadian security company opens a barred door to visitors and locks the door behind *them.*

"Visitors must then await further security clearance by an Israeli guard in civilian clothes who asks the reason for the visit, verifies it and communicates by way of an intercom *with* a second guard behind a steel door. Television cameras are focused on the visitors at all times."

There are further checks before a visitor gets to the official he wants to see.

In most areas surveyed by the AP, diplomats have not cut back on the social aspects of their jobs — attending receptions, dinners and cocktail parties. But some officials say they are careful about which invitations to accept. Often security men are asked to check those sending invitations.



A policeman guards the Turkish Embassy in Jerusalem last week after two Turkish diplomats were killed in Vienna and Paris. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Fierce fighting

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in 1958 at the request of then Lebanese President Camille Chamoun, who is now Interior Minister.

The commentator said U.S. officials discouraged those making the soundings, saying that the 1958 intervention was made *without firing* a single shot, while this time U.S. troops would be certain to be caught up in the war.

The Lebanese Interior Ministry yesterday denied Phalangist claims that up to 5,000 Palestinian terrorists from Syria had infiltrated Lebanon to reinforce the Moslem-Palestinian coalition.

But Western diplomatic sources said the Phalangist claim was true, although the figure was exaggerated. They estimated the number of Palestinians who had come in from Syria at 2,000 to 3,000.

The cease-fire arranged on Saturday night called for a phased withdrawal of men and barricades yesterday morning, starting with the suburbs and ending with the hotel district.

But hours after the deadline past, both sides were still entrenched in their street corner and roof-top positions, trading sporadic bursts of rocket, mortar and machinegun fire. The cease-fire seemed to be having some effect, however, in so far as the fighting was not nearly as intense as in previous days.

A Palestinian terrorist and a Lebanese policeman were killed yesterday in the tense southern suburb of Chiyah. Police sources said they were acting as liaisons trying to get the cease-fire working when they were killed by Christian gunmen from the neighbouring Christian suburb of Ein Rumanneh.

The area, which had been quiet yesterday after weeks of fighting and devastation, flared up again into exchanges of fire after the incident. *(AP, UPI)*

## Officer shot attempting to reach kidnapped Dutchman

MONASTEREVIN, Ireland (UPI). — The kidnappers of Dutch businessman Tiede Herrema, cornered in a filthy upstairs bedroom for 13 days, warned encircling police yesterday not to try "any more bloody tricks" to get inside their hideout.

Detectives encamped downstairs in the besieged two-storey house resumed their "staircase chats" with Eddie Gallagher, 27, and Marian Coyle, 19, which ended abruptly on Friday when two detectives tried to cut through an upstairs window. One of the kidnappers, believed to be Coyle, fired a shot which blew off the index finger of Detective Sergeant Michael Egan.

Justice Minister Patrick Cooney described the incident as a "setback" to government plans to establish a relationship with the kidnappers that would lead to Herrema's safe release. He ordered the police to renew attempts to win the confidence of the kidnappers.

"No more bloody tricks," shouted Gallagher when detectives hailed him from downstairs. But then, in a tacit admission the kidnappers were ready to close the book on the shooting incident, he asked for food.

Herrema himself intervened dramatically on Saturday when he appeared suddenly at the bedroom window and screamed three times at the police, "don't play games with my life. Stay away."

But the overall hard-line strategy of the Irish government in its dealings with the kidnappers had not softened in any way. Premier Liam Cosgrave spelled it out once again on Saturday when he told a meeting of his Fine Gael Party "We do not bargain at the point of a gun."

The kidnappers had demanded that the government release three jailed members of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) as the price of Herrema's life. Herrema, 52, chief executive of the Dutch-owned Ferenka Company was abducted October 3, outside his Limerick home.

## Jews from Arab lands to fight for their rights

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Jews from Arab countries who have been forced to leave their lands of origin since 1947 will gather in Paris later this month to set up a World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) with the aim of obtaining international recognition of their rights.

WOJAC's aim is to ensure that *the UN Security Council Resolution* 242's call for a "just solution of the refugee problem" is applied to Jewish refugees as well as Arabs. The organization will stress that, although 590,000 Arabs left Palestine *on their leaders' orders when* Israel was attacked in 1948, some 800,000 Jews have since been forced to flee Arab countries of the Middle East and North Africa, usually empty-handed.

WOJAC's organizing committee points out that, while Arabs who installed themselves in other Middle Eastern countries represent only one per cent of these lands' population, the Jews from these Arab countries and their offspring now account for more than half the citizenry of the Jewish State.

The committee recalls that Jews lived for thousands of years in Arab countries which now have a majority of Arab inhabitants. They acquired legitimate rights based on their contribution to these countries' spiritual heritage, culture, political, systems and prosperity. WOJAC insists that recognition of these rights must be a priority in the negotiation of any Middle East settlement between Israel and the Arabs.

About 100 delegates from all over the world will attend the congress, which will be held on November 24 and 25.

## Thailand, Cambodia agree to reopen ties—some time ...

BANGKOK (AP). — Thailand and Cambodia yesterday agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations and reopen their embassies in Phnom Penh and Bangkok "at a date convenient to both countries depending on the conditions prevailing."

The joint communique was released following the departure of Cambodian Deputy Premier Ieng Sary Saturday, after a five-day official visit to Bangkok.

"The differences in the political, economic and social systems of Thailand and Kampuchea (Cambodia) do not constitute an obstacle for peaceful co-existence and amity between the two nations and their peoples," the communique said.

Knowledgeable Western sources say it is unlikely that Thailand's Phnom Penh embassy will reopen *in the forseeable future.* To date, only mainland China, North Korea and Vietnam are known to have some official presence in the Cambodian capital.

Preliminary exchanges of officials will take place at a liaison office on the Thai-Cambodian border, which also will serve as an exchange point for trade between the two countries. Cambodia is suffering from shortages of food, medical supplies, fuel and other items and most observers saw Ieng Sary's visit partly as an attempt to get trade going between the two countries.

The communique stressed the similarities of the two countries in language, customs, traditions and Buddhist religion. The Buddhist principle of nonviolence was frequently referred *to in the statement,* and historic relations between the two countries were characterized in peaceful terms. In fact, however, Cambodians and Thais have a history of vicious wars and periodic sackings of each others' capitals.

The communique also said both countries agreed to refrain from using or allowing the use by others of their territories in violation of the principles of nonaggression and noninterference.

This provision may have been a reference, in part, to some 16,500 U.S. troops still in Thailand. They are due to be withdrawn by next March although the U.S. is likely to retain an advisory group and some communications facilities in Thailand.

No specific date was set for the establishment of the border office

## Mountaineering thieves conquer steep Cologne Cathedral

COLOGNE (Reuter). — Thieves using mountain climbing equipment scaled the steep facade of the 13th century Cologne cathedral during Saturday night and stole gold and silver relics and jewellery worth several million marks from its treasure room, police said yesterday.

*The robbers reached the heavily* fortified room through a ventilation shaft from the northern facade of the cathedral, Germany's largest and most famous Gothic building.

The most valuable pieces taken *were a 16th century gold and silver* monstrance, richly decorated with diamonds, several bishops' rings, golden collars and crosses and a 16th century gold and silver "peace" plate.

*The thieves used pruning shears* to prise diamonds from several other statues and shrines, police said.

## Congressional panel differs with Ford on N.Y. default

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A default by New York City on its vast debts is inevitable without federal aid and would seriously weaken the U.S. economy, according to a report by the Congressional Joint Economic Committee.

President Ford opposes such aid and he and his economic advisers *say a default would have only* limited effect on the economy.

The report released on Saturday estimated a default would reduce the growth rate of the U.S. gross national product by one per cent *over the next year and increase* unemployment by 300,000.

"The study clearly indicates the consequences of New York's financial crisis have already extended far beyond the boundaries of the *state and city," committee chairman* Hubert Humphrey said.

Humphrey said other cities and states are paying higher interest rates on their securities because of New York's problems. He said these *rates would increase if default* occurs.

New York officials say the city will default on its securities by December 1 or earlier without several thousand million dollars of aid or investment from outside sources.

"Neither the city nor the state has sufficient resources to avert default by New York City," the report said. "If the federal government does not provide assistance, default is inevitable."

## Unloaded cargo ships congest ports in Iran

TEHERAN (AP). — Iranian customs officials reported yesterday that 310 freighters were waiting for berths to unload commodities at the nation's ports, where round-the-clock working hours are now in effect.

Officials said this should expedite release of several million tons of goods piled up in warehouses in what they describe as record congestion.

Waiting time for freighters at Khorramshahr is 145 days, officials said, and at Bandar-Shapour 80 days. At Iran's third largest port, Bandar-Abass, at least 24 ships were reported waiting for berths.

Priority was given for unloading a half-million tons of government goods, including military items, wheat, sugar, chemical fertilizers, rice and sheep.

Port congestion has increased during the last year as imports went from $3b. to over $11b. and as merchants and importers declined to release goods from customs as a counter-measure to a government decision to lower prices on many items.

## Salt talks delay Gromyko trip

TOKYO (UPI). — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will not visit Japan this year because of deadlocked arms talks with the U.S., diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Sources said Gromyko's visit would be put off until mid-January of next year at the latest. They said the Soviet Foreign Minister would not have time to visit Tokyo while Salt talks with the U.S. are snagged.

LOUISIANA. — Edwin Edwards won re-election to a second term as Louisiana's governor on Saturday, rolling up better than 60 per cent of the vote.

## Student sets Royal Pavilion alight

BRIGHTON, England (UPI). — Police yesterday arrested a 22-year-old art student and charged him with setting fire to the 190-year-old Royal Pavilion, one of Britain's national treasures. They said he apparently had no political motives.

It took firemen using breathing apparatus three hours to bring the blaze under control.

Officials said the music room, re*garded as one of the finest* examples of Georgian decoration in the country, was the worst hit.

## Dead Sea meet to study skin disease

Jerusalem Post Staff

Some 60 dermatologists and other *experts on skin ailments* arrived in Israel on Thursday to participate in an international symposium on the curative properties of the Dead Sea.

The experts, who come from 12 countries, will be shown the effect of the Dead Sea and its thermal springs on psoriasis, an unsightly flaking of the skin. Sick funds in Europe have reportedly found it cheaper to send groups of psoriasis patients to the Dead Sea than to treat them in European hospitals.

Groups of psoriasis sufferers from Scandinavia, Holland, West Germany and Switzerland are already coming for treatment in Israel.

Another meeting, the 25th Congress of the International Federation of Thermalism and Climatism, is due to be held in Israel next year. Shmuel Segal, director-general of Israel's health resorts authority, reported on his return from this year's congress in Budapest, that Czechoslovakia and Poland had objected; but Hungary and Rumania supported Israel as a meeting site.


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# 'Nixon gave arms worth millions to Kurdish rebels'

ASHINGTON (AP). — Former sident Richard Nixon secretly vided millions of dollars worth arms for Kurdish rebels in Iraq the request of the Shah of Iran, ording to information provided the House intelligence committ-, CBS news said on Saturday.
BS reporter Daniel Schorr ted unidentified sources as say- the Shah asked Nixon during a it to Teheran in May, 1972 to vide untraceable arms for Kurd- rebels in northeastern Iraq. om Iran was then supporting in border dispute with Iraq.
The CIA and State Department re said to have opposed American olvement," Schorr said. "But sident Nixon, working only with urity aide Henry Kissinger, and passing the National Security ncil, reportedly ordered the CIA conduct the operation."
Former Treasury Secretary John nally was sent to Teheran by con to tell the Shah the weapons re coming, CBS said. Later, ns of millions of dollars worth" Soviet and Chinese rifles and vy arms and ammunition re- tedly were delivered to Iran by the CIA for the Kurdish rebels.

But Iranian and American support for the Kurds waned as the Shah negotiated a settlement of his dispute with Iraq, Schorr said.

Last March, Iran and Iraq signed an agreement resolving the five-year border dispute. The agreement left the Kurdish rebels open to an Iraqi offensive that crushed the rebellion.

The U.S. officially maintained a neutral stance on the Iraqi-Kurdish issue.

Schorr said Kissinger, testifying in closed session on Friday before the House committee, said he would oppose disclosure of the episode.

Members of the committee who could be reached on Saturday refused to confirm or deny the CBS story. One said, "Schorr does not usually shoot from the hip," but he refused to elaborate.

Although CIA officials refused to comment on the record, Schorr said: "CIA sources denied acting illegally, claiming the President has inherent power to give it orders, whether or not he goes through normal channels."



GETTING A fast start to their married life are Bobby Tyrell, the son of Ken Tyrell, owner of the British Elf racing team, and Alison Large, who were driven to their wedding reception on Saturday in Wigan, England in the experimental six-wheeled Tyrell Formula One racing car. The car is driven by former world motor racing champion Jackie Stewart. (AP radiophoto)

# France biggest loser in Chad kidnap case

PARIS. (Ofns).— THE DISASTROUS collapse of President Giscard d'Estaing's attempt to rescue Mme. Francoise Claustre, the hostage of the Tibesti desert, may open a new era in the history of political kidnapping.

Weighing the lessons of the Claustre affair, national leaders will in future be tempted to align themselves with Israel's conviction that to ransom one captive is to be an accomplice in the seizure of future victims.

French observers are now drawing up a balance-sheet of the Claustre case, and the mournful consensus is that almost everyone concerned has emerged as a loser.

Francoise Claustre, the 35-year-old French archaeologist kidnapped by the Toubou rebels of Chad 18 months ago, is still in captivity. Her hopes of rescue have been swept away. The chances of losing her health, her mind or her will to live in the parched lunar wilderness that is her prison have enormously increased.

Pierre Claustre, her husband, has bravely and pathetically failed in a bid to buy arms and smuggle them by plane into the Tibesti desert to collect a ransom for his wife. Cheated and outwitted by clandestine arms dealers, defeated by the logistics of flying planeloads of weapons across Africa, Claustre is now accused by the Toubous of embezzlement and treachery. He is held prisoner in a different part of the desert from his wife.

Giscard risked France's relations with Chad and other former members of the French African Empire to send a high-ranking French official to strike a bargain directly with Hissen Habré, the leader of the Toubous. But when the $2 million ransom in money and non-military material had been parachuted into the desert, Hissen Habré demanded arms before he gave Mme. Claustre her freedom.

ARMING REBELS against a friendly government has always been ruled out in Paris. So Giscard is the great loser of the Claustre kidnapping. The ransom has been lost. French troops are being expelled from Chad by the outraged Government of General Felix Malloum which Hissen Habré is trying to dislodge, and other African governments are indignantly siding with Chad against France.

French public opinion has begun to forget its great outburst of indignation over its Government's lack of zeal in rescuing Mme. Claustre. The "realists" who doubted that her kidnappers would abide by any ransom deal have proved their point.

And what of Hissen Habré, the lean young desert fighter who believes that he is Africa's Mao Tse-tung and yet looks back with nostalgia on his student days in France? He has got all the publicity he wanted from his capture of a Frenchwoman. His face is on the front page of French magazines and newspapers. In the space of a few weeks he has become as well known across the world as many reigning African leaders.

But he has now manoeuvred himself into a position where he can no longer torture France over the fate of his captive. There is no way in which he can keep the story going, unless he either kills the Claustres or lets them go. If he kills them, he will shock many people in Africa as well as in the West, and he will then be forgotten.

The hope in Paris is that the Toubou leader will decide to prolong his fame and refurbish his reputation by taking the only other course open to him — the release of his prisoners.

# Egypt will lift ban on 'Dr. Zhivago'

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt's film censorship board has been authorized to reconsider a decision to ban the motion picture "Dr. Zhivago" from the country, "Al-Gomhouriya" newspaper said yesterday.

The late president Gamal Abdel Nasser ordered the film banned in the 1960s at the request of the Soviet Union, which said the David Lean production showed a derogatory view of Russia. It stars Omar Sharif, who was born in Egypt.

The request to reconsider the ban comes at a time when Egyptian-Soviet relations have reached a new low point.

President Sadat, who had ordered the 15,000 Soviet "advisers" in Egypt to leave in 1972, has attacked Moscow repeatedly in recent months for failing to resupply arms lost in the October, 1973 war, and for stirring up Arabs against his America-leaning peace policies.

"Al Gomhouriya" said the film board was expected to lift the ban.

## Creed of expert on Christian affairs

# No theological arguments in 27 years

By DAVID LANDAU
rusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

HE PROUDEST and most poignant oment in Dr. Shaul Colbi's 27 years government service was in 1964 en the Vatican's Swiss Guard luted with drawn swords as he adnced along the richly carpeted, pestry-lined audience chamber to presented to Pope Paul. A ember of the Israeli delegation tending the ceremonial closing ssion of the Second Vatican Coun-l, Colbi stood out among the sembled diplomats, all resplenent in their white ties and tails. orning his own dress suit was the sh and insignia of the Order of regory the Great, conferred on him the Apostolic Delegate to rusalem some years before.

Dr. Colbi, who retired earlier this ar as Head of the Christian Affairs partment at the Ministry for eligious Affairs, had mixed oughts racing through his head as stepped forward to shake the ope's hand. Born in Trieste, he was rsonally familiar with the che-ered history of Italian Jewry. He d often walked the streets of ome's ghetto, scene of many sad isodes of oppression and persecu-on, from ancient times to the Nazi ccupation. Their proximity to the atican walls had often not helped the Jews of Rome in their hour of need.

Colbi thought, too, of the revolution in the fortunes of the Jewish People which now brought him back to Rome, with (the late) Ambassador Arye Aroch, as the representatives of the sovereign Jewish state at this brilliant gathering of the princes of the Church and the lay dignitaries of the temporal world.

His investiture with the Order of Gregory the Great, Dr. Colbi recalls today with a smile, had been the subject of Cabinet discussion. Under the Civil Service Regulations government officials are forbidden to accept foreign decorations unless they receive express Cabinet permission.

Dr. Colbi headed the Christian Affairs Department virtually since the creation of the State. He advised four Presidents and six Ministers of Religious Affairs on ties with Christian communities inside Israel and with Christian churches abroad.

FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT, Shaul Colbi was uniquely placed to observe the change that occurred after 1967 in the relationships of the various churches with the State of Israel. It was especially marked in the case of the Catholic Church. Before 1967 Apostolic Delegates would address their letters to Colbi "To Whom it May Concern," and would meet with him only on "neutral" ground, never at his office.

The Six Day War and the unification of Jerusalem provoked a reassessment in the Vatican — always a centre of *realpolitik* — and these practices gave way to a more normal and direct relationship.

There is still no *de jure* recognition of Israel. Colbi points out that the Vatican's long-standing policy is not to recognize a state whose borders are in dispute. He notes, too, the Arab pressures and interests which influence Vatican policy-making as potently as ever. There is the perennial concern for the welfare of Christian minorities in Arab lands — and the bishops of these communities comprise a steady pro-Arab pressure group.

The Greek Orthodox and Armenian Churches have always been faithful adherents of the precept "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's." They have always maintained good relations with the power that happens to be ruling in the Holy Land — and their relations with the Israeli authorities are no exception.

Relations with the Russian Orthodox Church, with its headquarters in the Russian Compound in Jerusalem, did not change at all as a result of the severing of diplomatic relations with Moscow in 1967, says Dr. Colbi. He always maintained good relations with the succession of Archimandrites — and this has continued to the present. At their twice-yearly receptions, the Russians always provide a kosher table so that Dr. Colbi and other observant officials can partake of the fare.

Throughout his 27 years, Dr. Colbi was careful to avoid souring his ties with any of the resident or visiting churchmen by entering into theological arguments with them. Friendly relations, he believes, are best built on a basis of mutual respect.

Colbi's scholarship and remarkable linguistic proficiency have won him the respect of prelates the world over. Britain's Cardinal Heenan still tells with admiration the story of Dr. Colbi's welcoming address to a party of 30 Catholic priests, from diverse countries, whom Heenan led on a pilgrimage to Israel. Unable to find any other common language which all could understand, Colbi delivered his speech in fluent Latin.

To more homogeneous audiences, Colbi offers a choice of impeccable English, German, French and Italian, and a reasonable Spanish.

# Italian youth confesses to brutal killing of Pasolini

ROME. — Pier Paolo Pasolini, the controversial Marxist novelist and film director who depicted the life of Italy's slum and underworld, was found murdered early yesterday in a field between the seaside towns of Ostia and Fiumicino.

The 53-year-old bachelor director was bludgeoned with a plank of wood and then run over by his own car, police said. His face was crushed beyond recognition.

The murder happened between 10.30 p.m. and midnight on Saturday, they said. The body was found at about 6.30 a.m. by a woman who telephoned police.

Police arrested a 17-year-old youth with a criminal record for stealing the director's Alfa Romeo sports car several hours before the body was found. The youth, identified as Giusseppe Pelosi, later confessed to the crime, police said.

The youth was picked up outside a public bathing club at Ostia, a popular seaside resort 35 kms. southwest of Rome.

Pelosi told an investigating magistrate that Pasolini had picked him up on a Rome street, driven him to the deserted field and made a pass at him. When he resisted, the youth said, the director hit him and he fought back, then fled in Pasolini's car. Police confirmed the youth had a head wound.

Pelosi, a short, athletic-looking youth with dark hair, said he had gone to a movie with friends and was sitting at a sidewalk cafe with friends when Pasolini stopped his car and offered him a ride. He said he recognized the director even before Pasolini told him who he was.

Entering films as a scriptwriter, Pasolini directed his first movie in 1961. It was "Accattone," the grim story of a pimp who loses his prostitute and turns to theft, stealing his son's religious medal.

His first major encounter with the Roman Catholic Church came with "La Ricotta," his contribution to a film anthology of four episodes. A satire about the making of a commercial religious movie, it shows an extra, who plays one of the crucified thieves on Cavalry, dying of indigestion on the cross from eating too much ricotta cheese. Prosecuted by the Italian state for "vilification of the Church," he was sentenced to four months in jail but the sentence later was withdrawn and a cut version of the film was released.

In 1964, he won a Roman Catholic award for his film, "The Gospel According to Matthew," which he dedicated to Pope John XXIII.

Pasolini's more recent work included screen versions of Giovanni Boccaccio's "Decameron" and Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales." Charged with defaming the Capuchin order of monks in "The Canterbury Tales," Pasolini was absolved by an appeals court.

Among Pasolini's best literary works were "Una Vita Violenta" — a violent life — "Popular Italian Poems," "Orestiade of Aeschylus," and "Roma 1950." *(Reuter, AP)*

# Senator wants U.S. to break with the UN

WASHINGTON (AP). — An influential Senator has advocated that the U.S. make "a clean break" with the UN.

"We are in the hands of our enemies. I feel we should withdraw," James B. Allen of Alabama said in an interview.

Allen, a Democrat, has introduced a resolution to establish a special seven-member Senate committee to make a thorough study of the U.S. role in the UN and measure any benefits of continued U.S. membership against the disadvantages. He feels that the findings of such a study would support U.S. withdrawal.

"Every man's hand in the UN is against the U.S.," Allen said. "We have a few friends, but what friends we do have are constantly being out-voted. Besides, the U.S. is paying the lion's share of the cost of supporting the UN."

The senator noted that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and UN Ambassador Daniel Moynihan had been critical of the UN, but he added:

"Our nation's leaders ought to put up or shut up. They get right to the point of saying the UN is not operating in our best interests but fall short of proposing an absolute break."

The Senator said he does not favour cutting off contributions to the UN as a means of making member nations be more friendly to the U.S. "A clean break would be better," he said.

# Chile to abstain in UN vote

SANTIAGO (AP). — Chile will abstain from voting in the UN General Assembly on a resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism, Foreign Minister Particio Carvajal has said here.

Chile's support of the resolution in committee was sharply criticized by the U.S. Last Wednesday, President Augusto Pinochet said Chile's vote in committee "did not have his approval" and he promised it would be "rectified."

In Brasilia on Friday, Foreign Minister Antonio Azeredo da Silveira said Brazil will again vote in favour of the thesis that Zionism is a form of racism.

# Felicia Langer praises Arafat to audiences in Britain

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NDON. — Felicia Langer, on week's holiday in Britain, is apring before appreciative audiences Arabs and pro-Arab Englishmen, ticularly among the leftist fringe ups.

The main purpose of her visit is launch the English version of her k "With My Own Eyes," which a preface by Dr. Israel Shahak. publishers are the Ithaca ss, which has already brought a series of books on Israel, nism and Palestine, all edited by Davis, the best-known Israeli pagandist for the Arab cause Britain.

lss Langer's focus is on charges "Israeli torture of imprisoned Arab freedom fighters." She has pursued this theme in a BBC radio interview, and in addresses before various audiences, including one at the House of Parliament sponsored by the main pro-Arab organization. She is appearing before students at Strathclyde University in Scotland, and at a press party for her book. Her main public appearance in London took place on Tuesday night at the School of Asian and African Studies.

At the meeting, she charged that Israel "had ignored all overtures of peace from the Arabs." She also charged that the Red Cross was not given free access to terrorists in jails, and praised Yasser Arafat as "a wonderful man who seriously wants peace."


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# UK to deport girlfriend of hunted terrorist Carlos

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Colombian girl friend of the mysterious international terrorist known as "Carlos" is to be deported from England after she serves the year's prison sentence to which a London court has committed her. She was found to have acted as "banker" to Carlos and keeper of forged travel documents for him and his friends.

The police forces of many countries are still looking for Carlos, a Venezuelan whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, who went underground in June, after killing two French policemen and Michel Mourkabel, an Arab terrorist supposedly turned informer. Carlos is now believed to be the key figure in an international terrorist network linking the PLO, the South American Tupomaros, the IRA, the Japanese Red Army and the German Baader-Meinhof group.

Mrs. Maria Nadia Romero, who holds a Ph.D. in law, comes from a highly respectable Colombian family. Her grandfather was a leader of the ruling Liberal Party, her father a wealthy businessman, and her husband, a law professor and a noted writer. In 1971 she left her husband and moved first to Paris and then to London where she taught Spanish and studied at the London School of Economics. The Colombian President, Alphonse Lopes Michelson met her while visiting Britain and offered her a job, probably in the diplomatic service.

Mrs. Romero refused, mainly because her son, Alphonso had got into trouble with the British police over drugs and stealing.

She met Carlos, son of a wealthy Venezuelan lawyer who supported Stalinism, at the Colombian Centre in London. Carlos came to London with his mother in 1969 after an indoctrination course in Moscow.

Mrs. Romero soon became involved in a close relationship with Carlos. She helped one of his friends to find a home — posing as his wife to make it look more respectable. She was also in touch with another of Carlos' girl friends, Angela Otaola of Spain, who has been jailed for holding arms and ammunition for Carlos in her Bayswater flat.

Carlos used to mail Mrs. Romero monthly payments of 500 French francs, and once handed her £1,000 which she banked for him. She handled all kinds of documents for Carlos and his friends.

She admitted to the police that she holds the same political views as Carlos, believing in Maoism because Russia was too bourgeois.

During her trial, Mrs. Romero claimed she had been on the verge of a nervous breakdown because of family troubles, when Carlos offered her a forged identity card enabling her son to leave the country.

"I was acting stupidly, not as a lawyer but as a mother," she told the Court. She had thought Carlos was working for political exiles and that was why he acted so secretively.

# New Bundesrat president is old friend of Israel's

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — The Governor of the West German state of Hesse, Albert Osswald, who has a record as a friend of Israel, officially became President of the Bundesrat, or Upper Chamber of Parliament, on November 1. In addition to managing the Bundesrat's internal business, he would, under the constitution, represent Federal President Walter Scheel in Mr. Scheel's absence.

Mr. Osswald, a Social Democrat, has shown himself to be a backer of the Jewish state in a number of ways. On his initiative, the Hesse Government gave DM500,000 ($2,000) to the Magen David Adom after the Yom Kippur War.

He last visited Israel in May of 1972 at the invitation of the Israel Labour Party, and during his stay met with then Premier Golda Meir. He maintains contacts with Israeli friends and politicians and has supported closer ties between the Labour Party and Bonn's Social Democrats.

Mr. Osswald's political career has suffered several setbacks in the past year. However, observers say that he is attempting a comeback and that his term of office as President of the Bundesrat could serve to give him new prestige at the federal level.

Among other things, Mr. Osswald's party lost 2.5 per cent against a 7.5 per cent gain by the conservative Christian Democrats in last year's state elections in Hesse. Prior to the elections the Governor had come under heavy opposition fire following disclosures that the Hessische Landesbank, which is 50 per cent state-owned, lost an estimated $700m. in risky investments during 1973 and 1974.

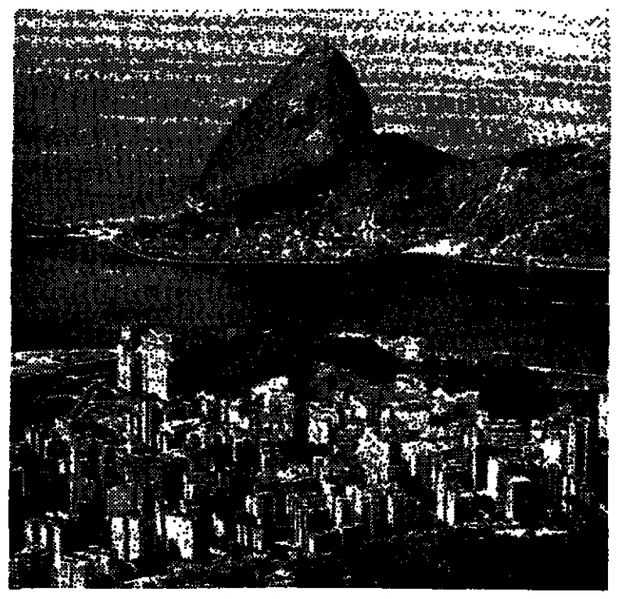
Mr. Osswald was chairman of the bank's board of supervisors. At the time he argued that he and other board members merely gave formal approval to business deals recommended by the management.

One of those deals was the purchase in 1972 of a 36 per cent financial share in the Geneva-based Banque de Credit International (BCI) of Tibor Rosenbaum, which has since failed.

The Hessische Landesbank returned its share in BCI to the bank last year, arguing later that it did so prior to the Geneva bank's failure and thus was not liable to claims from BCI creditors. But the Hessische Landesbank has never been reimbursed for its share in BCI and both sides are currently involved in a continuing legal quarrel in the case.

Mr. Osswald, however, has since relinquished his chairmanship on the bank's advisory board.


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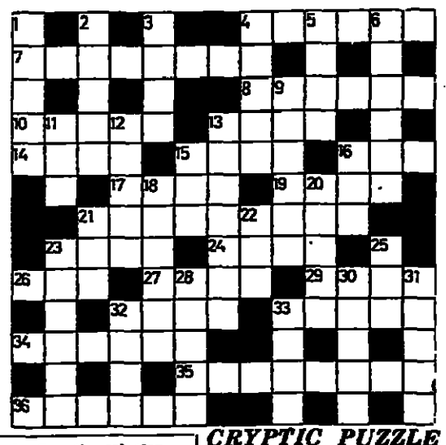
## EASY PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

4 Loiter (6)
7 Passage (8)
8 Musical dramas (6)
10 Parasites (5)
12 Shear (4)
14 Discover (4)
15 Visit (4)
16 Beverage (3)
17 Fell (4)
19 Den (4)
21 Grave marker (9)
23 Wounded (4)
24 Urban area (4)
26 Joke (3)
27 Melt (4)
29 Employed (4)
32 Family group (4)
33 Roofing material (5)
34 Small container (6)
35 Smartness (8)
36 Loved dearly (6)

**DOWN**

1 Jeer (5)
2 Inexperienced (5)
3 Prejudice (4)
4 Quaintly amusing (5)
5 Cry (4)
6 Chief (6)
9 Head-rest (6)
11 Cover (3)
13 Snake (5)
15 Fish (3)
16 Neckwear item (3)
18 Child's plaything (6)
20 Canoe (5)
21 Embrace (3)
22 Pull (3)
23 Risk (6)
25 Animal doctor (3)
28 Detested (5)
30 Holy man (5)
31 Dissuade (5)
32 Singe (4)
33 Wise man (4)



Friday's Easy solution

ACROSS.—1, Homage. 7, Virtuoso. 8, Tire. 10, Seaman. 11, Misuse. 14, Lap. 16, Fleas. 17, Roll. 19, Honey. 21, Tunes. 22, Habit. 25, Pier. 26, Tulip. 28, Wet. 29, Erotic. 30, Caress. 31, Arum. 32, Princess. 33, Treble.

DOWN.—1, Hawser. 2, Animal. 3, Even. 4, Stripes. 5, Vogue. 6, Moves. 8, Tall. 9, Rap. 12, Sly. 13, Sauce. 15, Tonic. 18, Odour. 19, Hub. 20, Net. 21, Tapioca. 22, Hit. 23, Peruse. 24, Item. 25, Risque. 26, Tempt. 27, Logic. 28, War. 30, Cast.

Friday's Cryptic solution

ACROSS.—1, RA-Chel. 7, Abstract. 8, Fl-i(tee)-16, Stal-E-N. 11, Moo-re-d. 14, Red. 16, Past-y. 17, Need (knead). 19, Dales. 21, Fazed. 22, Rigid. 23, Mall. 26, CL-air. 28, Big (time). 29, (Sh)ep Herded. 30, Mo-Les-t. 31, O-ATS. 32, Pass-over. 33, EE-nest.

DOWN. — 1, Be-a-con. 2, H-alleD. 3, Lain. 4, S-loo-ped. 5, P-airs. 6, Study. 8, Fa-r-e. 9, Fed. 12, O-s-K. 13, E-the-l. 15, IA-Xis. 18, Eagle. 19, D-O-G. 20, L-Ed. 21, Fire-D on. 22, Rid. 23, Milton. 24, Ag-E-s. 25, I-NT-act. 26, Cha-PS. 27, A-rose. 28, Boa. 30, More.

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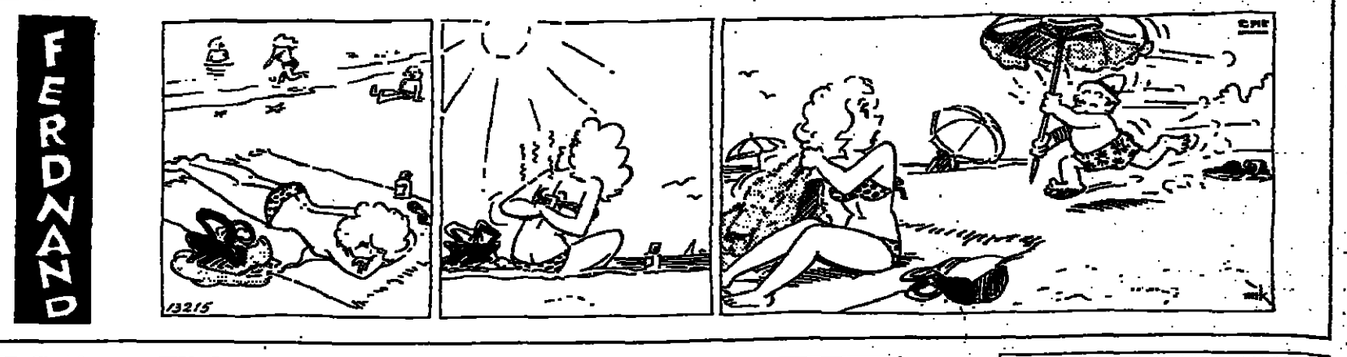
**ACROSS**

4 A back seat ! (5)
7 In which to see what develops (3)
8 Like a bird following a sailor (5)
10 Name of a key sailmaker (5)
13 Many a song that's earthy (4)
14 Price of a concert grand (4)
15 Cover dad for £50 (4)
16 A thousand contradictions to make one cry (3)
17 Finished higher (4)
19 Deceptive bent rail (4)
21 Fruitful source of information (9)
23 Viewed understandingly (4)
24 Bunched up handwriting (4)
26 How some like it screened (3)
27 Major instrument (4)
29 School of Suetonius (4)
32 Officially, there's no getting away from it (4)
33 Wrong present (5)
34 Drown in oily water ? (6)
35 Fish on the lake in scanty attire (8)
36 Caress with a cane ? (6)

**DOWN**

1 It may increase the chances of getting bitten (5)
2 Is it a drag on the bride ? (5)
3 Brothers in commerce (4)
4 Minor southern route (5)
5 Levy due on tea, we hear (4)
6 Growing boys always get it (5)
9 Peter, completely wrapped up in his little sister (6)
11 Means "slack" or "slacks," we're told (3)
12 Love to make a fuss over soldiers (5)
13 Like the worrying type ? (7)
15 Go up and down (3)
16 She mothers an egghead (3)
18 The front lad turns destroyer (6)
20 Bury between pointers (5)
21 Catch and kill (3)
22 Go with Vi a lot (3)
23 Thus Tennyson started up in poetry (6)
25 *Biblical character being difficult* (3)
28 Ransack for a weapon (5)
30 Tries to form ranks (5)
31 A thousand times no (5)
32 Fighting two German aircraft (4)
33 *Plenty of trousers* (4)

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON WEDNESDAY




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**MONDAY**

**ARRIVALS:** El Al 512 from Johannesburg, and Nairobi, 0030; Air France 193 from Hong Kong, Bangkok, Bombay and Teheran, 0720; El Al 002 from N.Y. 1220; Alitalia 738 from Rome 1335; Olympic 301 from Athens, 1335; *El Al 564 from Teheran, 1345;* Olympic 301 from Athens, 1350; TWA 880 from N.Y. and Athens, 1430; Lufthansa 632 from Frankfurt and Munich, 1535; C.P.A. 246 from Toronto, Montreal, Milan and Athens, 1545; KLM 525 from Amsterdam, 1650; TWA 810 from *Boston, Paris and Rome, 1715; Sabena 201* from Brussels, 1745; El Al 240 from Zurich and Geneva, 1755; Swissair 332 from Zurich, 1805; El Al 386 from Rome, 1835; B.A. 484 from London, 1855; El Al 316 from London, 1950; El Al 552 from Istanbul, 2100; El Al 334 *from Paris and Brussels, 2105; Air France* 132 from Pars and Lyon 2130; El Al 338 from Amsterdam and Vienna 2135.
**DEPARTURES:** El Al 563 to Teheran, 0600; TWA 811 to Athens, Rome, Paris and Boston, 0615; El Al 123 to Paris and Montreal, 0630; Swissair 333 to Zurich, 0700; El Al 349 to Zurich and Geneva 0710; TWA 803 to Paris and N.Y., 0720; El Al 001 to N.Y. 0800; Air France 193 to Paris, 0820; El Al 337 to Vienna and Amsterdam, 0830; El Al 315 to London, 0900; El Al 333 to Paris and Brussels, 0920; B.A. 485 to London, 0940; Air France 139 to Athens and Paris, 1000; El Al 385 to Rome, 1100; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1425; Olympic 302 to Athens, 1445; El Al 531 to Istanbul, 1620; Lufthansa 637 to Frankfurt, 1630; El Al 513 to Johannesburg, 2230.

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**HEBREW NEWS AND NEWSREELS**
**1st Programme:** News: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00 and midnight.
Newsreels: 7.05 p.m.
**2nd Programme:** 6.05 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight and 1.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
**Galei Zahal:** News: 5.00 a.m., 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight and 1.00 a.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00.
Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 5.05 and 11.45 p.m.

**FIRST PROGRAMME**
**256, 522 and 221 M.**
7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.10 Morning Concert — *Glazunov: "The Seasons"*; De Falla: "El amor brujo." 9.05 Prokofiev: "Cinderella." 10.05 Book Review. 10.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 10.35 The Poetry of Shaul Tchernichovsky. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Viviani: Trumpet Sonata; Sarasate: Zapateado (Kogan); C.P.E. Bach: Song; Paesiello: Quartet for Flute & Strings. 12.05 An Hour With Christa Ludwig. 1.05 Popular Classics. 1.55 Programme Trailer. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "World of Science. 3.30 "Ethics of the Fathers." 3.50 "The Daily Mishna."
4.10 "From our Concert Halls" (Stereo), Haifa Symphony Orch. — Francis: Dirge; Beethoven: Symphony No. 4 (Alan Francis); Bach-Steinberg: Chacoone (Friedman); Gluck: "Iphigenie en Aulide" Overture. 5.40 Quiz. 6.05 Weekly Cinema Magazine. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.50 Bible Reading: Shmuel A, chaps 29 and 30. 8.05 "Ask the Rabbi." 8.55 "Five to Nine." 9.05 "A Moment of Hebrew." 9.06 (Stereo) *"Radio Music Club," with Yehoshua Etzion,* violin; Amir Sela, cello; Bibiana Goldenthal, soprano; Rahel Kirstein, piano. 10.05 "Radio-drama." 11.05 Music for Day's End. 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**
**457, 425, 249, 393 and 240 M.**
5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Gymnastics. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 "A Moment of Hebrew." 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 Requests. 3.05 "This is Ehud Manor." 3.55 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 This is Ehud Manor." *(cont.)* 5.10 Telephone Quiz and Entertainment. 6.05 "Passport to Song." 6.45 Today's Sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "A Moment of Hebrew." 9.06 "Pop and All." 10.05 Telephone Quiz and Entertainment. 1.05 Close down.

**ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES**
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.05 p.m. (4th programme); 8.00-8.15 p.m. (4th programme); 10.00-10.55 p.m. (short waves).

**FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES**
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.30-3.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.05 p.m. (4th programme); 8.15-8.30 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

**1st Programme — 522, 256, and 221 M.**
**4th Programme — 407, 445 and 299 M.**
**3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.**

**FIFTH PROGRAMME**
**445 M.**
6.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7.02 "Mixed Melodies." *8.00 News.* 8.05 "Mixed Melodies. (cont.).

**ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE**
5.30 "Windows on the World." 6.00 Songs. 8.00 "Alias Smith and Jones." 8.50 Charlie Chaplin's films. 9.00 Mabat. 9.30 "Waiting for Godot" — by Samuel Beckett, performed by Israeli actors. 10.30 "La Cenerentola." — Opera by Rossini performed by the Symphony Orch. of Berlin Radio. 11.45 News.
**Educational:** 8.15 English 5. 8.45 *Geometry 8. 9.05 Geometry 5. 9.25* Improve your Hebrew. 10.00 Biology 9. 10.30. English 5. 10.45 Science 6. 11.05 Advice & Guidance 7. 11.25 Geometry 8. 12.00 Biology 10. 12.20 Maths 7. 12.40 Handiwork. 1.05 Science/Physics 7. 1.25 Art. 1.45 Society and Culture. 4.00 Story. 4.35 Eretz Yisrael Stories. 5.00 "Improve your Hebrew."
**Arabic:** 6.30 News. 6.32 Sport 7.17 Projector. 7.27 Programme Review. 7.30 News.

**IMMIGRANTS' HOUR**
**457, 425, 256, 393, 240.5 M.**
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

**GALEI ZAHAL**
**234, 236 and 220 M.**
5.03 a.m. Morning Tunes. 8.58 Morning Prayer. 6.05 Morning Tunes. 6.55 Gymnastics. 7.05 Requests. 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 9.05 Requests. 10.05 "What a Beautiful Day." 12.00 "Midday Star." 12.15 "Armies of the Nations." 12.40 Uri Dvir's Corner. 12.55 "From my Post Office Box 1008." 1.05 Songs of the Past. 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 "At Midday." 4.05 "By Request." 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 6.25 Programme Trailer. 6.30 "It Irritates Me." 7.05 "Talk" of the Town. 8.05 Weekly Concert. 9.05 "Trials in History." 10.05 "Notes and More Friends." 11.05 "Hot Hits." 12.45 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.05 "Tmol Shilshom." 12.25 "Night Birds." 2.05 Songs and Tunes.

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**JERUSALEM**
**4, 7, 9**
**ARNON:** A Streetcar named Desire; **CHEN:** The Revolver; **EDEN:** Shark Treasure; **EDISON:** Mavi Esarp; **HABIRAH:** Can ye keep it up for a week? **JERUSALEM:** Young Frankenstein; **MITCHEL:** Scenes from a marriage 5.45, 9.00; **ORGIL:** Le Retour à grand blond — Part II; **ORION:** Charleston; **ORNA:** Shampoo; **RON:** The Night Porter; **SEMADAR:** My Michael.

**TEL AVIV**
**4.30, 7.30, 9.30**
**ALLENBY:** Once is not enough; **BEYEHUDA:** Dirty Innocents; **CHEN:** Earthquake 7.00, 9.30; **CINEMA ONE:** The wind and the lion; **CINEMA TWO:** The Taming of the Shrew. Fri. 12.30, 2.30, weekdays 12.30, 2.30; **CINERAMA:** Mandingo 7.00, 9.30; **DEKEL:** Funny Lady 7.00, 9.30; **DRIVE IN:** Wreck Raisers 5.30; The wind and the lion 7.15, 9.45; **ESTHER:** Emanuelle; **GAT:** The happy hooker; **GORDON:** My Michael; **HOD:** Return of the pink panther; **LIMOR:** Hennessy; **MAKBI:** Appassionata; **MOGRABI:** The assembly machine; **OPHIR:** Samurai; **ORLY:** The Night Porter; **PARIS:** Closed due to renovations; **PEER:** The remains of the Englishwoman; **RAMAT AVIV:** A Wild December, Fri. 12 p.m. and midnight. Today at 4.30 Pass in Boots; **ROTAR:** Gold waterfront; **STUDIO:** Shampoo; **TEL AVIV:** The night visitor; **TCHERET:** The Emigrants 6.45, 9.30; **ZAFON:** Le Retour à grand blond.

**HAIFA**
**AMPHITHEATRE:** Gone in 60 seconds; **ARMON:** The Ten Commandments; **ATZMON:** Shampoo; **CHEN:** The Tamarind Seed; **MIRON:** The Revenge of the Big Dragon; **MORIAH:** Jesus Christ Superstar; **OHDAN:** Island Rose; **ORION:** A Night at dinner; **ORAH:** My Michael; **ORLY:** The Godfather Part II; **PEER:** Arabian Nights; **RON:** The Apprenticeship of Daddy Kravitz; **SHAVIT:** Alice doesn't live here anymore.

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**ARMON:** Arabian Nights; **HADAR:** The Tamarind Seed; **LILI:** Alice doesn't live here anymore; **OASIS:** Tommy; **ORBEA:** My Michael; **RAMA:** The Drowning Pool; **RAMAT GAN:** Young Frankenstein.

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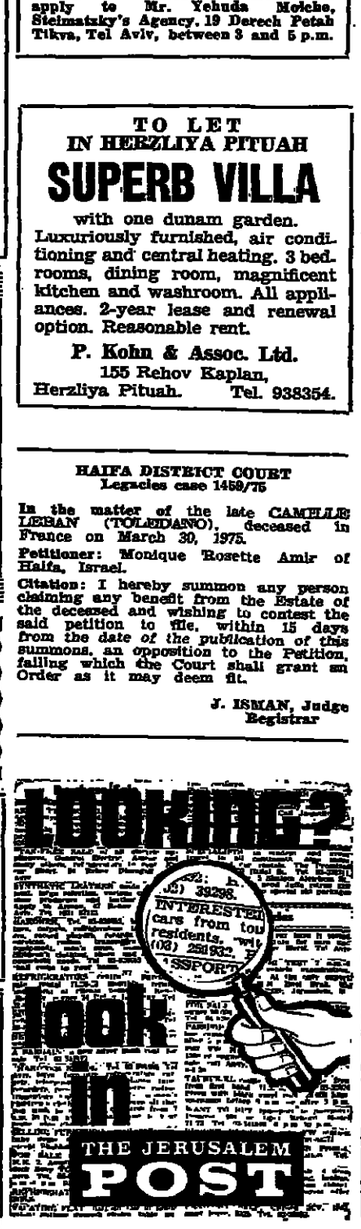
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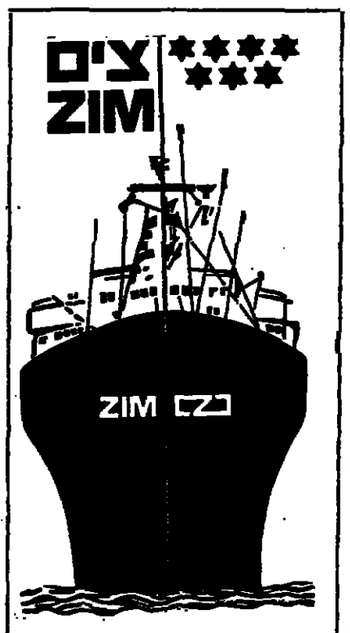
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## L AVIV STOCKS

# Natad up another 8 points

Jerusalem Post Reporter

L AVIV. — The Natad dollar, ich jumped nine points on Thurs-, went up another eight points terday to stand at IL8.49. There s a demand for $351,000 and ne $159,000 were supplied.

n Friday there was intense acti- on Lilienblum Street in ex- tation of a devaluation over the k-end. Despite the failure of a aluation to materialize, buying asure was sufficient to drive the e among dealers from IL9.70 IL9.80.

Non-residents and tourists, it was reported, are receiving IL9.50 for their dollars and IL8.80 for their cheques, the same price they were receiving last week.

The bonds market registered good increases but stocks were down.

The turnover in bonds came to IL16,629,500.

For technical reasons the first six listings were not available last night.

The general index of share prices fell by 0.75 per cent, to stand at 130.20.

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| Land Dev. | b | 132 | 133 |

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| Solel Boneh—10% | b | 155 | 165 |
| Property & Building | r | 230 | 231 |
| Isras | b | 168 | 171 |
| Mehadrin | r | 291 | 294 |
| L.C.P. Israel Citrus | r | 127 | 128 |
| Anglo-Isr. Investors | r | 250 | 253 |
| Neot Aviv | r | 139 | 144 |
| Pri Or Ltd. | r | 260 | 260 |
| Rassco—5% | r | 142 | 142 |
| Rassco—O. | r | 96.5 | 97 |
| INDUSTRIAL | | | |
| Alliance—B | r | 620 | 620 |
| Elco—2.5 | b | 177 | 177 |
| Electra—5 | r | 162 | 669.5 |
| Argaman—8% | b | 285 | 285 |
| Ata—C | r | 124.5 | 128.5 |
| Dubek | b | 352 | 360.5 |
| Elec. Wire & Cable | b | 150 | 155 |
| Teva | | 1355 | 1400 |
| Chem. & Phosphates | r | 190.5 | 196 |
| Lewin Epstein | b | 82.5 | 87 |
| Moller Textile | b | 179 | 181 |
| Phoenicia—8% | r | 82 | 94.5 |
| Paper Mills | r | 940 | 941 |
| Assis "B" | r | 233 | 233 |
| Nechushtan | r | 548 | 545 |
| Elite (A) | r | 258 | 328 |
| Shemen—6% | r | 134 | 138 |
| "Taal" Plywood | b | 128 | 128 |
| INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES | | | |
| Elgar | b | 137 | 138 |
| Ellern | b | 168.5 | 174.5 |
| Israel Central Trade | r | 220 | 220 |
| Bank Hapoalim | b | 218 | 218 |
| Pax | b | 156 | 160 |
| Wolfson—IL10 | b | 102.5 | 103 |
| Ampa | r | 134 | 135 |
| Discount Bank | b | 246 | 251 |
| United Mizrahi | b | 169.5 | 171 |
| Bank Leumi | r | 196.5 | 202.5 |
| Piryon Investment | r | 198.5 | 197.5 |
| Hassuta-For. Trade | r | 92 | 90 |
| Export Bank | b | 83.5 | 85 |
| Clal Investment | r | 215 | 210 |
| Clal Industries | r | 136 | 136 |
| FUEL & OIL | | | |
| Naptha OTC | r | 435 | 431 |
| Lapidoth OTC | r | 549.5 | 549.5 |

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# Queueing up for Elron shares

*Post* Economic Editor Moshe Ater tells a company success story

THE RECENT Elron share issue was a resounding success, with the amount offered to the public being over-subscribed 28.5 times. And when the shares were quoted on the Stock Exchange, they were changing hands at 50 per cent and more over the price of issue.

The sum involved, it is true, was relatively small (IL9m., apart from the IL1m. in shares offered to the company's employees), and most subscriptions were deliberately exaggerated in expectation of fractional allocation. Still, the fact that over one-fifth of the total amount requested came from institutional investors is impressive. Even more so is the substantial participation of foreign investors. Most recent share issues have been floated by financial concerns riding on the crest of our inflationary boom, or backed by real estate. But the Elron issue was different. It was one of the few instances in which investors queued for shares in a local industrial company, and its success signified the market evaluation not of the concern's assets, but of its productive potential.

As a matter of fact, Elron's subsidiary companies increased their aggregate sales proceeds by some 350 per cent between fiscal 1972 and 1974 (almost double our industry's average rate). Their export total increased even more. The company's operating after tax profit soared to almost ten times its original figure, apart from substantial capital gains and its share in the subsidiaries' accumulated reserves. Last year's aggregate profit (on an equity basis) was over 60 per cent of its paid-up share capital, upped by the newly issued shares. Visibly, the firm has not only passed its break-even point, but has also outgrown its teething phase, and can now hold its own in the world market, even when competing with entrenched foreign producers.

A glimpse of the concern's operational structure is provided by the following figures:

Exports ranged from 50 to more than 90 per cent of the sales totals

| Elron's subsidiaries in 1974-75 | sales | thereof exports | net profit |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elbit | IL.106 m. | IL.53 m. | IL.18.7m. |
| Elscint | IL. 53 m. | IL.38 m. | IL. 4.3m. |
| S.D.S.I. | IL. 13.4m. | IL.12.6m. | IL. 2.9m. |

which, for the most part, represented fairly high profit margins, since Elron's products — mini-computers, computer terminals and memories, and electronic diagnostic equipment — are based on very advanced technology which must be paid for accordingly. Incidentally, Israel's defence orders account for only about 40 per cent of Elbit's sales. And as Elron's activities expand, the importance of the small domestic market must further decline.

It is therefore worthwhile to point out some of the special features of this venture. First, its progress is crucially dependent on its ability to attract highly skilled scientific and managerial personnel. To that end, all Elron subsidiaries have offered their workers substantial profit sharing, by way of share options. The employees' share in the companies' equity ranges between one-tenth and about one-third.

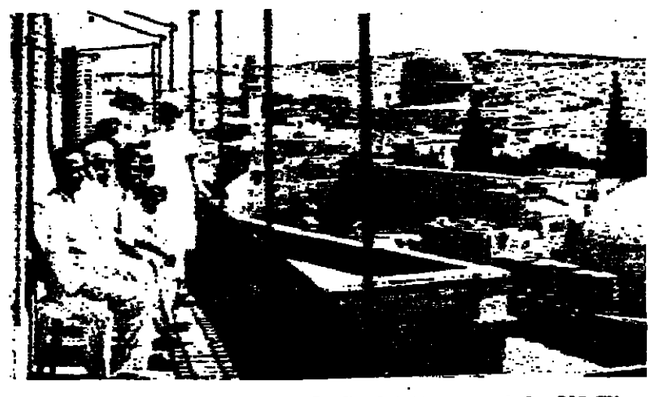
Second, allocations to R and D have been much higher than is usual, with Israel companies. Though at Elbit — the concern's oldest subsidiary — it declined from 20 per cent of the sales amount in fiscal 1972 to 6 per cent in the last fiscal year, it averaged 10 per cent at Elscint over the past three years, and more than that at S.D.S.I.

Third, it took the concern over a decade to arrive at its present prosperous stage. During this time most of its profits have been ploughed back, and few cash dividends paid. And — backed by its close contact with its parent company, the Discount Bank Investment Corporation — it has maintained an ample liquidity position, in contrast to the financial policy still prevailing in many of our industrial companies.

Last, in spite of its close ties with the multinational companies abroad, Elron has maintained a relatively independent production and marketing policy. Though the majority of Elbit shares is held by Control Data Corporation, Elbit has developed products competing with the parent company, and intends to set up its own overseas sales organisation. Similarly, S.D.S.I. has not confined its activity to product lines based on the know-how supplied by the American Scientific Data Systems; indeed the shares originally acquired by this American company have been in the meantime bought back by the Elron and the I.D.B. holding group. At the same time, Elscint, which up to a short time ago was dependent on General Electric for the marketing of its products in the U.S., has loosened its ties with the American giant, in line with its direct sales policy in the European countries.

It goes without saying that a venture of such range and sophistication involves many risks. But it also opens up wide prospects. Elron's original shareholders have made a fortune. Their paid-up share capital increased four times over the past three years. But the concern's managers — and personnel — will have to work hard to maintain this performance.

# Misgav Ladach, at 120, takes a look ahead



The original Misgav Ladach, in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, was destroyed during the War of Independence. Three days later a new hospital was established in the new city.



By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The best thing we can wish our patients is 'May you live 120 years.' Our hospital has reached 120 and is starting all over again," says the director of Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach hospital, Reuven Kashani.

But the first Jewish hospital in Israel (the name is taken from an expression in Psalms: "a refuge for the oppressed") begins its 13th decade eclipsed by the towering new medical centres going up in the capital. "The policy of the Government is to encourage the building of big hospitals," asserts Mr. Kashani. "They forget that patients are more likely to get personalized care from doctors and nurses in hospitals with fewer than 100 beds."

The original hospital of 50 beds, built in the Old City overlooking the Western Wall, was greeted as a godsend by the Jewish population when it opened in 1854. The only other Jerusalem hospital in those days was a mission-run institution, and many Jews preferred to die rather than to go there. The Jewish hospital, funded by and named after the Rothschild family, gave treatment to all the inhabitants of the walled city — Jews, Christians and Moslems alike. In 1879, it took the name of "Misgav Ladach," a group of Sephardi volunteers who cared for the sick.

"It was known all over the Jewish world in the old days," says Mr. Kashani, "with as prominent a name as Hadassah today."

In the War of Independence, after the hospital held out during the siege of the Old City and tended the casualties, everything crashed to the ground, the building was completely levelled by the enemy, and the patients and staff who survived fled. Three days later, Misgav Ladach came to life again in an Arab villa in the Katamon quarter of the new city which has been its "temporary" quarters ever since. Although a few new wings were added to the original structure, there was room for only 50 beds. In the 1960s, unable to compete with Jerusalem's larger hospitals on the basis of equipment and resources, Misgav Ladach pared its facilities to just two departments: obstetrics and gynaecology.

The hospital's Arab clinic — open every Friday (the Moslem day of rest) — draws women from as far away as Abu Dhabi, Libya, Iran and Saudi Arabia. "They come for treatment of sterility, birth control help and other problems," asserts Dr. Maccabi Salzberger, medical director of the hospital since 1967, "because they want better care than that available in their own countries." All the Jewish doctors in the clinic speak fluent Arabic.

"The women put their complete trust in the doctors," continues Dr. Salzberger, whose father was a physician at Misgav Ladach in the Old City. "In the past, when we had to examine an Arab woman, the husband stayed in the room. Now they don't even come along with their wives or else they remain outside."

Despite the limited facilities, the medical staff have been engaged in important research in gynaecology and other fields of medicine. They are now looking for ways to avoid multiple births that result from fertility drugs. Two different fertility drugs, administered under careful supervision and in the right proportions, may prove the answer to preventing the birth of four, five or six weak babies at a time.

As a result of a grant to Misgav Ladach by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the hospital researchers have developed an easy method of detecting early diabetes in pregnancy.

With nearly one illegal or legal abortion for every birth in Israel, Dr. Salzberger asserts that the only answer to the problem is the free dispensing of birth control advice. "Women referred to Misgav Ladach by Tipat Halav centres may get help from our planned parenthood clinics," he says. "It's incredible to think that this information is kept away from women elsewhere in the year 1975!"

Misgav Ladach is the seat of the abortion committee of all sick funds in Jerusalem, with seven professionals meeting every Thursday to approve abortions allowed under the law (cases in which the physical and mental health of the mother and the child are in danger). A row of young women can be seen sitting in the corridor — nervous but waiting patiently — before they are called to present letters asking for the operation. "We pass 80 per cent of all requests," says Dr. Salzberger.

The hospital directors, eager to expand to a new hospital, has demanded compensation from the Government for the destroyed building in the Old City. Intensive negotiations are now proceeding between the hospital and the Health Ministry over a 70-dunam area in the southeastern part of Jerusalem — an area currently lacking adequate medical facilities. Mr. Kashani hopes that the new hospital would have more than just a department of obstetrics and of gynaecology, and thus be able to commence another 120 years as it did in the Old City in 1854.

## COINS AND MEDALS

# Surge of interest in gold coins

A LIVELY interest in older gold coins continues to mark the coin market and has resulted in an additional rise in prices. Trade in silver coins continues slow, however, with no noticeable price fluctuations in the past few months.

Among the gold coins, "Herzl," "Weizmann," "Bank of Israel," and "Victory" are all commanding (and receiving) high prices. Those medals which are receiving their share of attention are the "Liberation" (three coins) at IL15,000; "Ma'ariv," IL9,500; "Keren Hayesod," IL10,000; "Balfour," IL5,800; and "Masada," IL6,400.

The accepted explanation for this sudden surge of interest is the public's growing apprehension that the Government will soon be required to implement further economic measures, including an additional devaluation, a situation which may not fare well for holders of index-linked and other bonds.

In the meantime, the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation has announced the prices of the new 1976 Hanukka and Pidyon Haben coins. The maximum issue of the "Hanukka from Holland" coin will be 67,000 pieces in silver and 50,000 proof. The silver will be priced at IL60, and IL120 for proof. The maximum mintage of the Pidyon Haben coin has been set at 40,000 pieces, at IL300 per coin.

| Year & Name | | $=IL4.36 Quantity | Issue Price IL | Market Price IL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shekel — Purim Coins | | | | |
| 1961 | ½ Shekel | 20,000 | 1.00 | 220 |
| 1961 | " P. | 5,000 | 2.00 | 600 |
| 1962 | ½ Shekel | 20,000 | 1.00 | 150 |
| 1962 | " P. | 10,000 | 2.00 | 300 |
| Pound — Hanukka | | | | |
| 1958 | Torah | 150,000 | 2.00 | 60 |
| 1958 | " P. | 5,000 | 4.00 | 600 |
| 1959 | Shofar | 250,000 | 2.00 | 80 |
| 1959 | " P. | 5,000 | 4.00 | 630 |
| 1960 | Scroll | 15,833 | 2.00 | 600 |
| 1960 | " P. | 3,000 | 4.00 | 3500 |
| 1961 | Hero | 15,916 | 2.00 | 280 |
| 1961 | " P. | 9,428 | 4.00 | 2250 |
| 1962 | Italian Lamp | 9,857 | 2.00 | 750 |
| 1962 | " P. | 5,040 | 4.00 | 800 |
| 1963 | N. African Lamp | 10,000 | 2.00 | 800 |
| 1963 | " P. | 5,500 | 4.00 | 1000 |
| 5 Pounds — Independence Day Coins | | | | |
| 1958 | Menorah | 96,081 | 10.00 | 180 |
| 1958 | " P. | 2,000 | 18.00 | — |
| 1959 | Exile | 27,249 | 10.00 | 250 |
| 1959 | " P. | 4,782 | 18.00 | 1100 |
| 1960 | Herzl | 24,472 | 10.00 | 350 |
| 1960 | " P. | 4,823 | 20.00 | 1050 |
| 1961 | Bar-Mitzva | 19,541 | 10.00 | 750 |
| 1961 | " P. | 4,861 | 20.00 | 1250 |
| 1962 | Negev | 10,450 | 10.00 | 1000 |
| 1962 | " P. | 5,050 | 20.00 | 1200 |
| 1963 | Seafaring | 5,986 | 10.00 | 4100 |
| 1963 | " P. | 4,500 | 20.00 | 1200 |
| 1964 | Museum | 11,000 | 10.00 | 770 |
| 1964 | " P. | 4,500 | 20.00 | 1400 |
| 1965 | Knesset | 25,282 | 10.00 | 540 |
| 1965 | " P. | 7,000 | 20.00 | 450 |
| 1966 | Life | 22,593 | 13.50 | 180 |
| 1966 | " P. | 10,500 | 25.00 | 250 |
| 1967 | Eilat | 20,280 | 18.50 | 420 |
| 1967 | " P. | 7,755 | 25.00 | 650 |
| 1 Pounds — Special Issue | | | | |
| 1967 | Victory | 234,589 | 12.50 | 70 |
| 1967 | " P. | 50,498 | 80.00 | 110 |
| 1968 | Freedom | 75,000 | 30.00 | 130 |
| 1968 | " P. | 20,000 | 60.00 | 200 |
| 1969 | Ben-Gurion | 175,000 | 100.00 | 160 |
| 1969 | " P. | 75,000 | 200.00 | 270 |
| 1970 | Jerusalem | 50,000 | 22.50 | 250 |
| 1970 | " P. | 20,501 | 40.00 | 290 |
| 1974 | Shalom (S.F.) | 40,000 | 25.00 | 270 |
| | " P. | 20,000 | 50.00 | 270 |

| Year & Name | | $=IL4.36 Quantity | Issue Price IL | Market Price IL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1968 | " (K) | 20,000 | 25.00 | 250 |
| 1970 | Mikveh | 47,500 | 25.00 | 130 |
| 1970 | " P. | 22,500 | 50.00 | 180 |
| 10 Pounds — Independence Day Coins | | | | |
| 1971 | Science (D) | 30,000 | 35.00 | 190 |
| 1971 | " P. | 17,500 | 50.00 | 250 |
| 1971 | " (J.) | 23,500 | 25.00 | 250 |
| 1972 | Aviation | 50,000 | 30.00 | 140 |
| 1972 | " P. | 15.00 | 60.00 | 460 |
| 1973 | Declaration | 125,000 | 40.00 | 70 |
| 1973 | " P. | 41,500 | 80.00 | 140 |
| 1974 | Ben Yehuda | 130,000 | 50.00 | 60 |
| 1974 | " P. | 50,000 | 90.00 | 140 |
| 10 Pounds — Pidyon Haben | | | | |
| 1970 | P-H | 50,833 | 25.00 | 200 |
| 1970 | " P. | 15,000 | 50.00 | 300 |
| 1971 | " | 30,201 | 25.00 | 310 |
| 1971 | " P. | 15,000 | 50.00 | 450 |
| 1972 | " (star) | 30,000 | 30.00 | 120 |
| 1972 | " (no star) | 15,000 | 30.00 | 120 |
| 1972 | " P. | 12,500 | 60.00 | 230 |
| 1973 | " | 105,000 | 20.00 | 70 |
| 1973 | P. | 15,000 | 60.00 | 200 |
| 1974 | " | 115,000 | 40.00 | 70 |
| 1974 | " P. | 45,000 | 80.00 | 140 |
| 1975 | P-H | — | 125.00 | 125 |
| 1975 | " P. | 75,000 | 250.00 | 250 |
| 5 Pounds — Hanukka Coins | | | | |
| 1972 | Russian Lamp | 75,000 | 20.00 | 75 |
| 1972 | " P. | 22,500 | 40.00 | 200 |
| 1973 | Babylonian Lamp | 95,000 | 20.00 | 80 |
| 1973 | " P. | 45,000 | 40.00 | 80 |
| 1975 | Damascus Lamp | 125,000 | 50.00 | 50 |
| 1975 | " P. | 75,000 | 100.00 | 100 |
| Gold Coins | | | | |
| 1960 | Herzl (20) | 10,510 | 50.00 | 6500 |
| 1962 | Weizmann (50) P. | 5,202 | 150.00 | — |
| 1962 | Weizmann (100) P. | 5,208 | 300.00 | 19,800 |
| 1964 | Bank (50) | 5,014 | 150.00 | 10,000 |
| 1964 | " (50) P. | 1,502 | 250.00 | 55,000 |
| 1967 | Victory (100) P. | 9,004 | 300.00 | 8900 |
| 1968 | Jerusalem (100) P. | 12,500 | 350.00 | 4400 |
| 1969 | Shalom (150) P. | 12,500 | 420.00 | 3400 |
| 1971 | Freedom (100) P. | 10,000 | 420.00 | 4500 |
| 1972 | Declaration (50) P. | 12,500 | 220.00 | 900 |
| 1973 | " (100) P. | 10,000 | 485.00 | 1200 |
| 1973 | " (50-100-200) | 15,750 | 1620.00 | 5800 |
| 1974 | Ben-Gurion P. (in sets of three only) | 53,500 | 2420.00 | 2800 |
| | | — | — | 3000 |
| | | 22810 | 2500.00 | 3000 |

P — Proof 1975 Bonds
SF — San Francisco Mint
J — Jerusalem Mint
U — Utrecht Mint

# Cutting down garage profits

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.— Reforms aimed at eliminating over-taxation and over-pricing at garages were proposed at a recent meeting of consumer organizations, automobile, touring club, and Transport Ministry officials.

Yitzhak Caspit, head of the automobile section of the Histadrut's Consumer's Authority, proposed that every garage give a price list for every type of job, inform the customer how many hours of work the job will require, and of any "extras" not on the price list. He said that if garage-owners start keeping books — in line with the new tax reforms — customers would then have a ready means of checking if new parts were used.

Caspit criticized the lack of control over profits that importers and retailers make, the exorbitant costs of spare parts, and discrepancies in prices of the same spare parts. He claimed that in a spot check he made on a certain spare part, prices ranged from IL1,000 to IL2,000. To eliminate these abuses he suggested that an arbitration committee be set up to hear complaints of car-owners.

But car-owners are also to a large extent responsible for the abuses because of their apathy and indifference, according to another speaker. Arye Rubin, head of the automobile department in the Transport Ministry, said that of 300,000 private car-owners, he received only 1,300 complaints during the past year.

## Exporters urged: Go to Munich

TEL AVIV. — An appeal to local industrialists and exporters to participate in the 1976 Munich Fair was made recently by the director of the Munich Fair Authority, Dr. Werner Marzin.

Speaking at a luncheon at the Bazel Hotel, Dr. Marzin said some 10,000 companies representing 60 countries would be taking part in the various events of the '76 season. The exhibits on building construction, drainage engineering, camping and tourism, food industry and other specialized events would attract over a million visitors, Dr. Marzin said, urging Israeli firms to utilize the fair for publicity and sales. *(Itim)*

## Import duty cuts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Treasury and the Commerce and Industry Ministry recently affirmed a previous decision to reduce import duties by 5 per cent on the average in January 1976, by another 5 per cent in January 1977, and by an equal amount in July 1977.

The average import duties will then be 20 per cent on the dollar saved or about 10 per cent on the product, in line with the Common Market agreement.

Some officials had suggested delaying this measure, since it would boost imports — to the detriment of local industry. However, the Government decided to stand on its initial decision.

## U.S. bank group

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Israel's needs exceed its production by 30 per cent. Hence we must invest, in order gradually to fill this gap," Haim Bar-Lev, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, told a visiting group from the U.S. Export-Import Bank last week.

Leaders of the group are Mattew Totino and John Beerman, both of them Vice-President of the bank. Israel draws on the bank for credit to purchase American products.

Mr. Totino stated that the Israeli has been a good customer and pays its debts on the nail, which is one reason why the bank will go on extending its help in the future. He expressed appreciation of the fact that Israel exercises economy in its affairs. He noted that considerable burdens are imposed on the public through the Government's taxation and other belt-tightening policies.

The Eximbank's loans are spent mainly on investment goods for Israel's export industries, including recently the expansion of phosphate production, Mr. Totino said.

## CITRUS FILM

TEL AVIV. — The Yakhin-Hakal canning company has been awarded a gold medal and a diploma by the International Exhibition of Food Preserving for its documentary film "Citrus around the Year." The prizes were awarded at the recent exhibition in Parma, Italy, by the local chamber of commerce.

The film, which was produced by Ya'acov Hameiri, was also shown at food exhibitions in Paris, London and Cologne.

## Witco capital rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Witco Chemical, makers of household ("Kleen") and industrial cleaning materials, announced an increase in paid-up capital from IL7.5m. to IL12m. Witco shareholders are the Witco Chemical Corporation of New York (60 per cent) and Chemicals & Phosphates (40 per cent).

In view of the commercial success of the Israel enterprise, Witco Chemical Corporation recently waived its option to buy out Chemical & Phosphates.

**Japhet Bank Ltd.**

FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Friday's Rates

SPOT RATES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Dollar | 2.732/37 per £ |
| DM | 2.5567/85 per $ |
| Swiss Fr. | 2.6275/90 per $ |
| Lire | 674.30/60 per $ |
| Belgian Fr. | 38.53/55 per $ |
| Dutch Fl. | 2.6235/50 per $ |
| Yen | 301.55/85 per $ |
| French Fr. | 4.3580/10 per $ |
| Gold price: | $143—144 |

FORWARD RATES

| | 1 Mon. | 3 Mos | 6 Mos. |
|---|---|---|---|
| $/£ | 2.0642/662 | 2.0477/497 | 2.0252/272 |
| DM/$ | 2.5497/517 | 2.5387/382 | 2.5162/182 |
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# A THIRD FRONT

THERE IS little reason to assume that yesterday's claims for a cease-fire in Lebanon should be taken any more seriously than previous such claims. Even if there were to be a respite in the fighting it would at best be temporary, and could not restore the political equilibrium between the Moslems and Christians which formed the basis of Lebanon's sovereignty and prosperity.

The last month's fighting has made it plain that the Moslem community in Lebanon, goaded by the political left, the terrorists, and Syria, is not only intent upon gaining supremacy, but has the power to achieve it.

The terrorists, with their vast Communist-supplied arsenals can outnumber and outgun the Phalangist militia. And when there is any doubt, the Syrians are ready to despatch their own terrorist units to help out, as western diplomats in Beirut have confirmed.

That Lebanon's erstwhile Western patrons, like France and the United States, find themselves impotent spectators to the destruction of Lebanon's Christian community is a sadly eloquent comment on Western fears and feebleness. But that is a matter for the conscience and policy of the West.

Of immediate concern to Israel, must be the prospect of a radicalized and belligerent Lebanon, closely linked to Damascus, and driven from within by the terrorists and their allies. A border which was quiet for so many years, and which even with the terrorist presence in Fatahland failed to pose a genuine threat to national security, would then be turned into a third front against Israel. It would be a front with Russian supplied divisions from Syria, a front with tanks and not merely katyushas.

It is a grim prospect which must be measured seriously and carefully. But in taking that measure, the oil-inspired inaction of the West may not be a suitable guideline.

## NEWLYWEDS




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# 'Volunteers' for Lebanon

**HA'ARETZ** (independent) discusses the fact that growing numbers of Arab terrorist "volunteers" from Syria are entering Lebanon to reinforce the Moslem side of the dispute. "Israel cannot watch these developments with equanimity. Its security situation may be substantially altered if Lebanon becomes a Syrian satellite, and the northern front will become like the eastern and southern ones — a possible arena for war. The survival of a Lebanese state capable of maintaining its independence vis-a-vis Syria is a vital matter for Israel, no less than the survival of a Jordanian state that continues to prevent terrorist activity from its territory. In sending the terrorists into Lebanon, Syria is playing with fire."

**AL HAMISHMAR** (Mapam) points out that when the Lebanese originally allowed the terrorists to enter they were deluded into thinking that they would act only against Israel. Now, however, it is clear that the terrorists have brought Lebanon to the verge of collapse. Israel for its part will not be able to ignore the possibility that Lebanon might be engulfed by Syria. The US, too, has warned Syria against intervention that could lead to a flareup in the entire area. As it happens, Assad for the time being is making do with "volunteers," but since he is working together with the Soviets he may resort to open intervention anyway.

**YEDIOT AHARONOT** (independent): "With Lebanon going up in flames, only one thing could alter the situation today: for Israel to step in. That would be entirely logical in the circumstances created; for the Christian world, the U.S. and Europe could well get over catastrophe for Lebanon, whereas this is not the case where Israel is concerned, if she is faced with an expanded Syria to the north.

"Only a few days ago Mr. Rabin warned Syria against intervening in Lebanon, adding that if it did so, Israeli forces might cross the border. In the meantime such intervention has taken place — for what other interpretation is possible for the fact that 5,000 terrorists have crossed the border from Syria? If Israel were to step in, the U.S. would also undoubtedly intervene in Beirut, and the Soviet-Syrian scheme would be undermined."

**MA'ARIV** (independent) says that, as a result of the U.S. aid programme proposed by President Ford, with loans in great preponderance over grants, "Israel's dependence on the U.S. administration will be increased by an incalculable extent. Within a short time our very physical existence may become entirely dependent on the Americans and we shall lose whatever power we still have to reject political dictates from Washington."

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The passing of an Israeli cargo through the Suez Canal yesterday marks the end of nearly 30 years of Egyptian restrictions. Alexander Zvielli traces the events that marked these years of Egyptian intransigence in repudiation of shipping law.

# The long voyage through Suez

THE SUEZ CANAL has been a problem for Israeli shipping and cargo for close on 30 years. Even before the establishment of the State, goods consigned to Palestine — aboard an Egyptian vessel — were confiscated at Suez on June 23, 1947. Mail dispatched from Palestine to Yemen was off-loaded and destroyed. Jewish passengers aboard foreign ships were forbidden to disembark at Egyptian ports.

*On the eve of the* Egyptian invasion of Palestine, on May 13, 1948, Egypt declared a "state of siege" which meant an intensified search of all ships passing through the Suez Canal. In London, the Foreign Office spokesman blandly declared that no protests would be made following reports of the brutal arrests of British subjects. The Western world, including the United States, remained passive in the face of these Egyptian actions and thus encouraged further belligerency.

The Israel-Egypt Armistice Agreement signed on the island of Rhodes in 1949 did not open the Canal to Israel shipping, since the accord was considered at the time only the first step towards the normalization of relations.

In August 1949, the Mixed Armistice Commission decided that the Egyptian Government should not interfere with the passage of goods to Israel through the Suez Canal. Egypt appealed against this decision and it was later reversed by Major-General William Riley, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization. Gen. Riley made it clear, however, that while he was wholly in sympathy with Israel's claim, he was forced to accept Egypt's appeal on a legal basis, for while interference was a "hostile act" it did not contravene the Armistice Agreement.

On June 13, 1951 General Riley sent a report to the Security Council describing Egypt's interference as an "aggressive and hostile act," but outside of his competence and advised Security Council action. Mr. Abba Eban wrote to the Security Council complaining that for the past two years Egypt had been illegally detaining, searching and blacklisting ships carrying cargo to Israel and asked for the Security Council's intervention.

The Security Council then upheld the right of free passage through the Suez Canal to *all* nations. But the March 1953 resolution presented by New Zealand calling on Egypt specifically to lift all restrictions on Israel-bound shipping was killed by a Soviet veto, one of Russia's first contributions to the cause of Middle Eastern peace.

ARTICLE 8 of the 1954 Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the final withdrawal of British forces from Egypt reaffirmed the determination of both countries to adhere to the Constantinople Convention of 1880 which made the Canal a corridor for all ships of all nations in times of both peace and war. But Israel had grown apprehensive at the continuous Egyptian interference with international shipping, violation of her rights and the virtual closure of the Gulf of Akaba. She decided that it was high time to make a definitive test of Egyptian intentions and the response of the world bodies which should have been concerned. After hasty preparations the departure was arranged, in September 1954, of a small coastal steamer — the "Bat Galim" — with a cargo of tinned meat from Eritrea through the Suez Canal to Haifa.

After an unexpectedly friendly reception by the Suez customs authorities, the vessel was boarded by a coast guard patrol and detained, while the crew of ten was arrested and taken off. The Egyptians promptly accused them of having opened fire. Major Salah Salem, the Minister of National Guidance, repated this preposterous charge that ten Israeli sailors had attacked the Egyptian Republic and announced that two Egyptians had died of wounds in the Suez hospital. Israel was accused of trying to torpedo the current Anglo-Egyptian negotiations. The Security Council met, but failed to act in the shadow of Soviet veto. The matter was handed to the UN Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission where it was to undergo a prolonged and frustrating "international" probe. The United Nations revealed its inability to act promptly and decisively.

The matter was further complicated by the arrest and trial of a group of 13 Egyptian Jews who had acted on behalf of Israel. The effects of this unfortunate affair (which in Israel started the so-called "Lavon affair" and for a while impaired Israel-U.S. relations) did not help the Israeli cause. The "Bat Galim" crew was released on January 1, 1955, but the attempt to cross the Suez Canal or at least to arouse world opinion failed.

FOLLOWING the gradual British withdrawal from Egypt and the handing over of precious equipment and military installations, Nasser stepped up his acts against Israel, blockading the Tiran Straits and escalating murderous fedayin infiltration. In June 1956 the last British troops left Egypt. A Soviet emissary promptly arrived in Cairo carrying a tempting promise of Czechoslovak and Soviet arms. Nasser, now President of the United Arab Republic, was angered by the U.S. and British refusal to give him $70m. for the Aswan Dam and nationalized the Suez Canal.

It was ironic to observe how both Britain and France, searching for means to stop him, suddenly demanded international control of the waterway. It was only when British and French interests became visibly endangered that Israel found allies, arms and sympathy in her long struggle against discrimination.

In spite of Israel's swift and complete victory in the 1956 Sinai Campaign, the following slow and irresolute armed Anglo-French intervention failed to achieve its objectives. The Egyptians blocked the Canal and American influence coupled with blatant Soviet threats enforced a cease-fire. The result was a total Israeli-British and French withdrawal under the auspices of the UN.

The Canal was cleared by a fleet of some 35 vessels, but in spite of much talk and many promises, neither the U.S., nor UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold were able to exact any promises from Egypt. By defying the Anglo-French ultimatum Nasser regained his prestige, which had been weakened by Israel's armed victory. He showed the world, that it was his "ditch" and proceeded to deny Israel the right of free passage. He did not, however, close the Straits of Tiran which remained for a while under UN control.

IT WAS Nasser's second attempt to blockade the Gulf of Akaba and his orders to expel the UN force which resulted in the Six Day War and his defeat. On June 6, 1967, Nasser clogged the Suez Canal for the second time by sinking ships and trapping a number of neutral vessels which were there in transit at the time. No-one would have believed that this most important international waterway would remain closed for eight years, but air travel and supertankers in the meanwhile reduced the Canal's importance. Israel was never comfortable about the closure and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan offered to withdraw some 30 kilometres in order to have the Canal in business again. The Egyptians refused and continued to demand a total Israeli withdrawal as a condition for its re-opening.

During the First World War there had been heavy fighting on the east bank of the Canal, and during the Second World War Italian and German bombers did some damage to Canal installations, but did not succeed in stopping traffic. During the Sinai Campaign of 1956, Israel forces stopped some ten miles from the Canal, on Anglo-French orders, but in 1967 the situation was different. The whole east bank came under Israeli control and the War of Attrition resulted in almost complete devastation of Egyptian towns and installations on the west bank. Egypt suffered a tremendous financial loss and the waterway gradually lost more and more of its international importance. During the Yom Kippur War both sides succeeded in building bridges over the Canal, Israeli crossing to the west side for the first time and building causeway named after Alu Albert Mendler.

It was the disengagement Agreement signed on January 17, 1974 which restored the Suez Canal to full and undisputed Egyptian ownership. After a gala opening on June 6, 1975 Egypt again demonstrated her right to control this waterway. Egypt announced plans to build underground tunnels that would connect both banks and to widen the narrow channels. By permitting Israeli cargoes to pass in foreign vessels Egypt has taken a first step on the road to normalization.



In September 1954 Israel decided to test Egypt's intentions, and a small steamer, the Bat Galim, attempted to sail the Suez Canal. The Egyptians detained the crewmen and held them for a few months. Here members of the crew are welcomed on their release. (F. Schlesinger)

## READERS' LETTERS

### Speaking up for activists

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — Our friend, engineer Boris Zaturensky, 28, who was an activist of the aliya movement in the Soviet Union, has been arrested.

For more than a month he has been a prisoner in the KGB jail in Minsk. Only now have we heard about it. Nobody knows what is happening to him in this prison.

For some years Boris tried to apply for an exit visa, but his application was not accepted. The reasons given were the following according to the court's ruling: he had to pay an enormous sum of money to his divorced wife; in addition, he had to obtain the permission of his parents in order to leave, which the parents refused to give.

Boris' last letter was joyful — his application had finally been accepted by the OVIR office.

A week after that Boris disappeared. One more victim was swallowed up by a ruthless machine.

We must not keep silent. The civilized world must speak up in defence of these victims; their names must be known to all. It is the only way to save at least some of them.

*Israel Bashal, Arkady Tseitlin, Irene Tsetlin, Igor Krivitsky, Raya Vilenchik, Eitan Vilenchik, Izhak Zhitnicky, Zhanna Zhinizky, Larisa Krivitsky, Klavdia Gartner, Roza Reles, Bracha Fridman, Nahum Alshansky, Shimon Lemelman, Mila Lemelman, Bela Kashdan.*

Bat Yam, October 26.

### HELP FOR THE DESPERATE

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — My wife and I read your recent articles on the organization "Eran" and your reports on the *Congress on Suicide Prevention* with great interest.

We were volunteers in an organization in England that was run on similar lines with the basic aim of helping anyone who was suicidal or in any kind of distress. The name of the organization was "The Samaritans." It was started in London and there are now branches all over the world.

Where it seems to differ from Eran was that, in "The Samaritans," we befriended clients, which was considered one of the most important parts of the exercise. It worked as follows: When an individual was accepted as a volunteer (and that was not before he or she had gone through a rigorous series of lessons of what *was entailed*), *a record was kept of* each volunteer's hobbies and interests. A client would then be paired with a volunteer of similar interests and where possible, that pairing would remain until the client stopped coming.

I hasten to add that, wherever a branch of "The Samaritans" functioned, the number of suicidal attempts decreased, contrary to what Professor Kurt Weis claims. A low-risk suicidal crying for help can quickly become a high risk, walk away quietly and die.

*J. SHAW*

Haifa, October 23.

### PRIVACY OF THE BEDROOM

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — What right does L. I. Rabinowitz have to flatly state that homosexuality is a "perversion" (October 24)? If he wishes to state his passing opinion on a subject which he obviously knows little about, he should have the grace to label it clearly as his own opinion. I found his presumptuousness ("and perversion it is") most offensive.

It seems to me that the time has come for our society to progress past the point where it publicly vilifies and condemns people for what they do in the privacy of their bedrooms. Furthermore, it seems a bit flippant of Mr. Rabinowitz to go around slinging mud in the faces of approximately 10 per cent of the world population according to Kinsey) just because of their sexual preference.

*A.Q.*
*(Name and address supplied.)*
Tel Aviv, October 24.

**L.I. Rabinowitz comments:**

My right to call homosexuality a perversion derives from the Bible, Leviticus 18:22: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is an abomination." What the Bible calls an abomination, I more euphemistically call a perversion.

It is surely a strange standard of ethics to permit any act as long as it is done "in the privacy of their bedrooms." Should the cohabiting with one's sister or mother be permitted as long as it is done "in the privacy of the bedroom"?

### PUTTING SAFAD ON THE SETTLERS' MAP

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — Our office, the only one of its kind in Israel, has been functioning for over a year, engaged in promoting Safad as a place to live, work and play. Results to date have been significant, notwithstanding the housing shortage in the area.

Whilst we are primarily dealing with new settlers, many Sabras and old-timers have made use of our office.

Integration is the most difficult part of aliya. The establishment of integration offices throughout Israel, particularly in development towns, would go a long way towards retaining new settlers and helping them to quickly become useful citizens.

*ELIMELECH GOULD,*

Safad, October 20.

### KREISKY TRUE TO TRADITION

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — The attitude of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will cause no surprise to anybody who was born and lived in Vienna and knew the attitude of the Jewish leaders of the Austrian Socialist Party even prior to World War I.

Both Max and Friedrich Adler did not consider the Jews as a people, but only as the followers of a medieval religious faith which modern progressive socialists had to combat as an enemy of socialism. In the official daily of the Austrian Socialist Party, the editor-in-chief — a Jew of course — directed for years a virulent attack against Herzl and Zionism.

Bruno Kreisky is only continuing the tradition of the former Jewish leaders of the Austrian Socialist Party.

*DR. MOSHE LIWNI*

Tel Aviv, October 27.

### ATTITUDES TO MEXICO

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — Only last week, the Tel Aviv University Students' Organization cabled Mexican President Luis Echeverria demanding he return the honorary doctorate degree awarded him by the university last August because of Mexico's support for the vicious anti-Zionist resolution in the U.N. Social Committee.

This was followed by a cabled protest by the university rector, Dr. Shlomo Simonson, to the Mexican President, together with a demand for an explanation of the vote.

Today (October 26) you report that the former university president and its present chancellor, Dr. George Wise, accepted the Aztec Eagle Award from President Echeverria at the latter's residence. In my opinion, Wise's acceptance of the award is shameful.

*DAVID E. LOEB*

Petah Tikva, October 26.

### 'JUDGE IN AN IVORY TOWER'

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — Your article of October 20 on Justice Haim Cohn's statements about the influence of the press on the courts was interesting, but not very edifying. So, we discover, here in Israel an outstanding jurist "doesn't read the newspapers," so he cannot be affected by them.

It is frightening to think that the jurists of this country close themselves in their ivory towers and are out of touch with the changes taking place in our society. All laws, even the sacrosanct laws of the Bible, have undergone interpretive changes, influenced by changes in society. The interpreters and commentators in all legal systems have been affected by the winds of change in their society.

*SHELDON B. GROSS*

Jerusalem, October 22.

### KUPAT HOLIM

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — Following the publication of your article of October 7 on the abolition of restrictions by Kupat Holim, the Minister of Health asked Mr. Asher Yadlin, the Director-General of Kupat Holim, to explain Mr. Dagan's statements concerning the 12 categories of illnesses for which members would have to pay for treatment during their first year of membership.

Mr. Yadlin answers us as follows: "In reply to your cable about the abolition of restrictions on coverage, please be advised that we will fulfil the agreement in its entirety, i.e. no payment will be required in respect of treatment of former illnesses. The recording of illnesses during the first year of membership will only serve for follow-up purposes and is being done because we discontinued examining new members.

"New members with limitations will get the same treatment as old members with limitations."

*DVORA DEGANI-ELAD,*
*Spokesman*
*Ministry of Health*

Jerusalem, October 22.

### THE 'MODERATION' OF SADAT

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

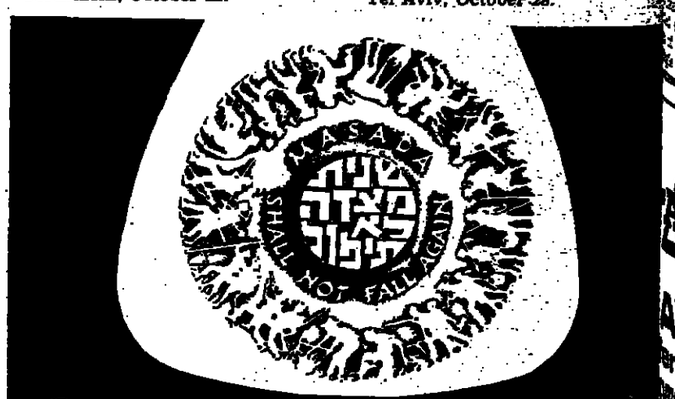
Sir, — I would like to ask the President of the United States if a man like Sadat, who uttered a *vicious slur against Jews and supports* the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, and who declared that "Zionism has brought the Middle East bitterness, violence, hatred and killing" can be described as a man of far-sighted statesmanship and wisdom? Yet that is how Mr. Gerald Ford described him.

Can President Sadat who, on October 6, 1973, launched an unprovoked and vicious attack against Israel, breaking the terms of an armistice agreement and starting a war that left thousands of dead and wounded on both sides in its wake, can such a "leader" be praised for his "sincerity, moderation and wisdom"? Yet these words were used by President Ford.

Are we witnessing the erosion of common decency, again?

*DAVID SHOR*

Tel Aviv, October 28.




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